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Troy sure is missed

Given their string of fourth-quarter letdowns, the Steelers would like to see Troy Polamalu back in action. **1B**

MIDA cites firm

The Middle Monongahela Industrial Development Association honored Regal Industrial Corp. on Thursday. **3A**

Natural gas bills going down

Some area residents can expect to see significant refunds.

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Lower natural gas prices soon will reduce consumers' monthly bills, and some will get a significant refund.

Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania customers will reap the biggest gain. On Thursday, the state Public Utility Commission approved a special $77.8 million refund to Columbia's 413,000 customers, which means a one-time credit of about $170 on residential bills in November.

Residential customers of Dominion Peoples will get a special adjustment of $19.5 million, included in bills beginning Oct. 1, a spokesman said. Bills for Equitable Gas customers will be lower, as well.

Less natural gas usage by the nation's residential, commercial and industrial sectors, combined with record-breaking amounts of gas in storage, led to dramatically lower rates.

National prices are about two-thirds less than the $13 per thousand-cubic-foot (mcf) price of a year ago. Yesterday, gas futures on the New York Mercantile Exchange settled at $4.963 per mcf. On Sept. 3, gas futures hit $2.508 per mcf, the lowest price in more than seven years.

"We applaud the PUC for approving our request for a customer credit," said Columbia spokesman Tom Cuddy. The refund is for the period Oct. 1, 2008, to Sept. 30.

"Companies such as Columbia are not permitted to make a profit on the natural gas commodity," PUC Vice Chairman Tyrone Christy said in a statement. "This refund shows how companies are held accountable for over collections."

"Usually these types of refunds are addressed in companies' annual filings, but because this was a sizeable amount and, given the time of year, with cooler weather coming, we believed this would give people some relief," said PUC spokesperson Jennifer Kocher.

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Obama honored

Barack Obama today became the third sitting U.S. president to win the Nobel Peace Prize. The Norwegian Nobel Committee selected him for "his extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples," citing his outreach to the Muslim world and attempts to curb nuclear proliferation. **5A**

SPORTS

Playoff update

Colorado and both Los Angeles teams won baseball playoff games Thursday, with more action set for the weekend. **4B**

DEATHS

- Joseph Bercik, 90, of Elrama
- Roberta M. Campbell, 67, of Monessen
- Marie V. Imburgia, 95, of Belle Vernon, formerly of Monessen
- Charles William "Bucky" McKeen, 73, of Monongahela, formerly of Hazelwood
- Kevin J. Melville, 51, of Eighty Four, Somerset Township
- Dara Pintar, 87, of Canonsburg, formerly of Finleyville
- James E. "Ed" Shahan Sr., 61, of Perryopolis
- Mary K. Stawovy, 87, of Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township)

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Tomorrow Partly cloudy 59°

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State budget crisis seems near an end

Gov. Rendell could sign $27.9 billion budget bill today or Saturday.

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HARRISBURG — The state Senate today likely will send to Gov. Ed Rendell a House-passed budget bill that contains no income- or sales-tax increases and relies on money from table games not yet approved to help cover spending.

The 101-day budget battle could end with Rendell's signature on a budget today or Saturday.

The $27.9 billion spending plan is more than $1 billion less than what Rendell proposed in February.

The budget includes "no broad-based tax increases and invests substantially in education, which will have a long-term impact," said Sen. Jay Costa, ranking Democrat on the Senate Appropriations Committee and a budget negotiator. It proposes a $300 million increase for public schools.

Costa of Forest Hills predicted the bill will pass with bipartisan support. He said he regrets the "hardship as a result of inaction" that affected social service providers.

The budget does increase the tax on cigarettes by 25 cents per pack and halts a proposed phaseout of a business tax.

The Legislature could delay until early next week action on accompanying bills with budget implications.

Senate Majority Whip Jane Orie, R-McCandless, said this budget would be the first in four decades that spends less than the previous year's. Last year's spending totaled $28.3 billion, according to Orie's office.

"I would have preferred more cuts," Orie said. But she said Senate Republicans fought the 16 percent income-tax increase Rendell pushed for in June.

"For me, this is still a dark day in the Legislature, with it taking 100 days to do a budget," she said.

Pennsylvania faced a $3.2 billion deficit on June 30, the day required by law for legislators to complete a budget.

One key bill, expected to raise $200 million, is not complete: Law-

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Gift baskets boost United Way

Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

***The Valley Independent*, as pace setter for the 2009-10 United Way of the Mon Valley campaign, is helping to raise money for the drive by sponsoring a gift basket drawing, which is open to the public. To view the baskets and purchase tickets, area residents can stop in our lobby at Eastgate 19, Monessen, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The drawing will be Oct. 23. Preparing for the drawing, from left, are Rob Hammond, general manager; Lori Byron, assistant circulation manager; Phil Sparacella, United Way executive director; and Sharri Todd, inside classified sales representative. Tickets are three for $1 or an arm's length for $3.**

Swine flu found in Monessen

A student at the district's elementary center tested positive for the illness earlier this week.

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MONESSEN - The Monessen School District has confirmed its first case of the H1N1 flu, commonly known as swine flu.

Superintendent Dr. Cynthia Chelen said a student at the elementary center tested positive for Type A Influenza, which is being treated as swine flu.

Letters informing parents and guardians about the confirmed case were sent home earlier this week.

Chelen said the child's illness did not require him to be hospitalized.

Monessen is the second school district in the Mid-Mon Valley to have a confirmed case of the H1N1 virus.

In early September, the Ringgold School District had a rash of absences in the sixth grade due to the spread of a virus. One sixth grade student tested positive for H1N1.

Students in primarily the sixth grade at the Finleyville school first began getting sick on Aug. 28, when 20 of the 262 students in the class were absent.

By that Monday, the number of absences ballooned to 84 and reached a high of 114 on Tuesday before it dropped to 72 by that Thursday.

At the Monessen Elementary Center, Chelen said there have not been any increased absences this week.

"We were worried about that, but I think everyone knows we are taking all precautionary steps," Chelen said.

Since the start of the school year, Chelen said, custodians have stepped up measures to wipe down desks, doorknobs and other common areas of the schools.

Chelen said she just ordered sanitized wipes for the computer labs.

"As every class changes, the students will be required to wipe off their keyboards and mouse before they can use them," she said.

She said a representative from a hand sanitizer company will also return to the district to go over proper handwashing routines with students. Hand sanitizers are available in every building.

Chelen is reminding parents not to send their children to school if they are sick. Any child determined to be ill at school will be sent home.

H1N1 symptoms are similar to those infected with other flu strains and include fever (100.5-101.5 F or higher), cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills, fatigue, diarrhea and vomiting. H1N1 flu symptoms develop three to five days after being exposed to the virus and continue for about eight days.

Health officials are telling people to call their doctor immediately if they develop symptoms.

Charleroi budget for 2010 holds line on taxes

Council tells complaining resident it cannot legally stop paying absenteee Mayor Frank Paterra his monthly salary.

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CHARLEROI – Borough taxpayers won't be asked to ante up any more in taxes for the 2010 budget than they did this year.

But at least one resident thinks taxpayers should no longer be asked to pay the salary of the borough's mayor.

Meeting in regular session Thursday, council approved posting a tentative 2010 budget that holds the line on taxes at 42.15 mills.

The spending plan increases expenditures by just $346, or roughly the two months worth of salary for Mayor Frank Paterra, who receives $175 per month.

Resident Ken Scheponik asked if council is still paying the mayor, who was not present Thursday and has missed most council meetings this year.

According to borough records, Paterra has attended just two meetings this year, Feb. 12 and March 12. He has missed 22 of 24 work sessions, agenda and regular meetings combined this year, borough records indicated.

Paterra's name won't be on the ballot next month because he lost both party nominations to Council Vice President Nancy Ellis in the spring primary election.

Scheponik, who is also the borough's representative to the Mid-Mon Valley Transit Authority, asked police Superintendent Mike Matyas if he ever sees the mayor. A borough mayor is in charge of the police department. Matyas said the mayor "shows up every morning to see if anything is going on." Matyas said he was unsure how long the mayor spends at the borough building because he usually goes into his office after meeting with Paterra.

Council President Mark Alterici said the mayor is not required to attend meetings. By law, council cannot rescind the mayor's pay, Alterici said.

Councilman Harry Reis said the mayor should be scheduling police and running the department. He suggested that mayoral tasks are being done by others.

Ellis said she and Councilman Ken Laird "meet with Mike (Matyas) regularly because we care about this borough."

"Whether he gets a check or not, I'm not happy about that, but I'm not going to stop doing what I do," Ellis said.

Alterici said council agrees with Scheponik, but is powerless to do anything.

"If you worked for a company and were not

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Budget (FROM PAGE ONE)

makers intend to legalize table games at the state's casinos.

"I think we have a ways to go," said Sen. Jane Earll, R-Erie, who chairs a Senate panel with gambling oversight.

One dispute between the House and Senate is how much to charge casinos for licenses and how much to tax table games such as blackjack, poker and dice. At issue, procedurally, is whether to combine gambling reform legislation with the table games bill.

Earll's committee on Thursday approved separate table games and gambling reform bills for consideration by the full Senate.

"Some of those (senators) who want reform but don't want table games can vote for the bill," said Sen. Tommy Tomlinson, R-Bucks County.

Tomlinson proposed a version of a table games bill that would raise license fees from $10 million to $15 million. The House proposed $20 million licenses. When the Legislature legalized slot machine gambling, casino owners paid $50 million for licenses to establish betting parlors.

The Senate would tax table games at 14 percent, with 1 percent directed to counties and 1 percent to cities where casinos are located. The House proposed a 34 percent tax rate.

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showing except to say 'Hi,' I don't think they'd keep you around too long," Scheponik said.

"That's why he won't be here next year," Alterici said with reference to Paterra.

The spending plan for next year includes 30 mills for general purposes as well as the following millage: 7.43 for street lighting, 3 for fire service, 1.26 for debt service, .2 for recreation, .12 for library, .1 for shade tree and .04 for pensions.

The budget, which will be available for public viewing for the next 30 days, includes $1,987,292 for administration, $332,231 for police and $124,830 for streets.

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Connellsville	Oct 13	6:30 - 8:30	Bud Murphy's
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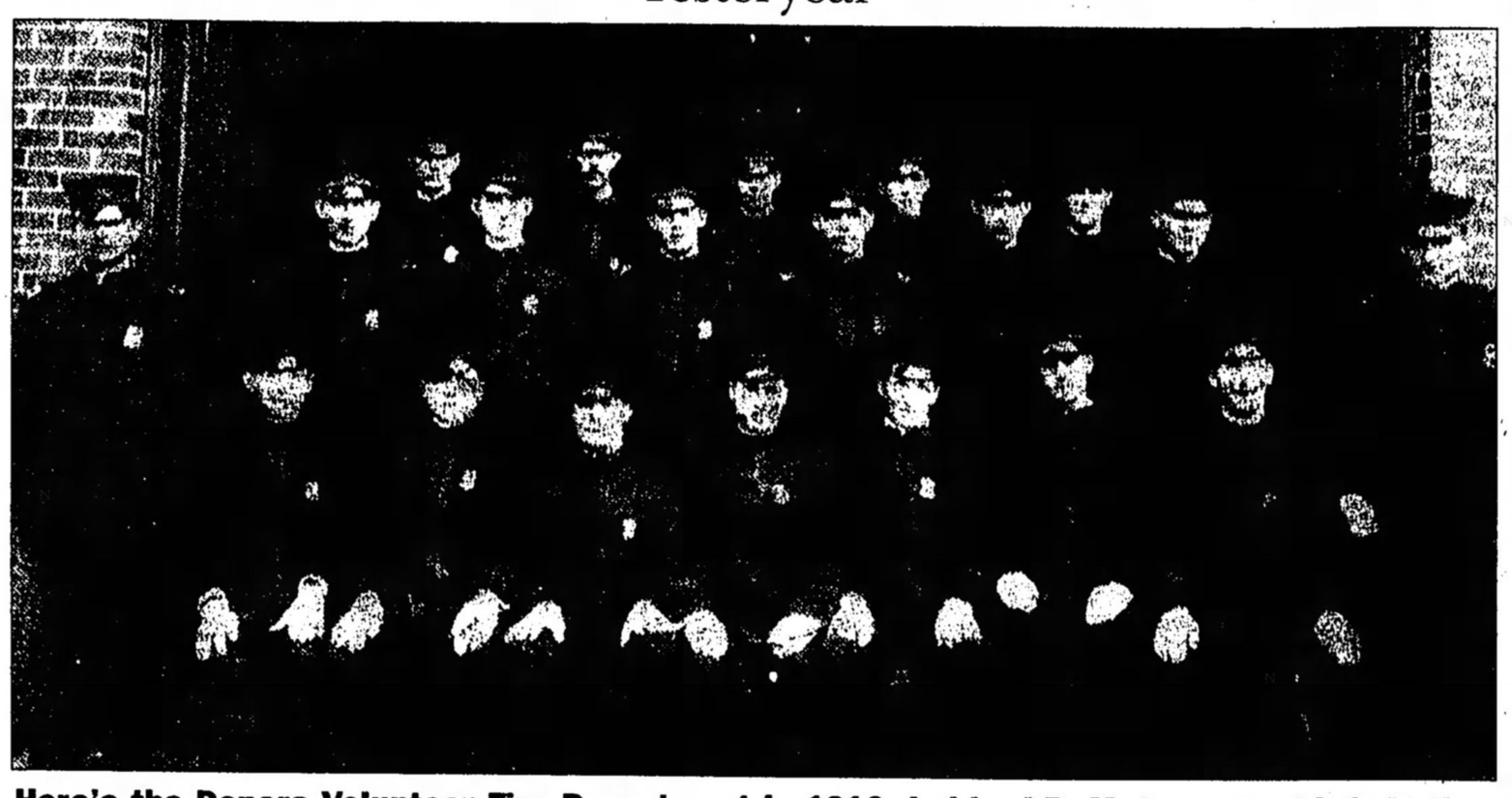

Here's the Donora Volunteer Fire Department in 1910, led by J.B. McCune as chief. At that time the department owned 1,400 feet of fire hose, two hose carts (one for the hill district and one for downtown) and one hook-and-ladder wagon.

If you have a good oldtime photograph, send it to us at Eastgate 19, Monessen, Pa., 15062.

Weather

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
High 59 Low 41	High 58 Low 39	High 54 Low 42	High 51 Low 38	High 57 Low 43

Donora resident questions finances again

Louise Jurik continues to pepper borough council about borough's financial operations.

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DONORA – A resident who has been questioning borough finances for several months was at it again during Thursday's meeting of borough council.

Louise Jurik, a retired auditor, posed several questions at the start of the session.

Among the topics Jurik hit on included:

■ How much money did the borough receive from a contract to permit gas drilling in Palmer Park and how much did the borough realize from lease agreements with the gas company?

■ Why did the borough order a load of stone for Palmer Park to be dumped at the borough garage in MIDA Industrial Park in 2003 and then have it transported to Palmer Park by borough employees at a cost to the borough?

■ Are contractors who are awarded bids for projects in the borough permitted to sub-contract some of that work out?

She also told council she knows borough officials are upset that she sits at the table reserved for them at each meeting and will not sit in seats for the audience unless council asks any media representatives who cover the meetings to also leave the table.

Jurik has been critical of council, borough administrator Jerome Stokes and Mayor John Lignelli often during her questioning over the course of the past several months.

Council President Dr. Karen Polkabla said in the case of the load of stone there may have been good reasons for it not being dumped at Palmer Park.

She said there is an enclosed area at the garage that would keep anyone from stealing any of the stones. If the load was left unattended at Palmer Park that would not be the case.

She also said the possibility exists that the order form for the stone said to take it to the garage, but once at the garage street foreman Tim Durka may have met the hauler and then took him to Palmer Park to dump the load.

"That was 2003 and how are we supposed to remember what happened six years ago?" Polkabla asked Jurik.

When it came to the issue of contractors subcontracting work, solicitor Ray Amatangelo said it was his opinion that, as long as the work was given to qualified subcontractors, it is permissible.

However, Jurik said she personally spoke to a spokesman for the state Department of Transportation and was told that the only instances when contracted work could be sub-contracted out are when special equipment is needed that the contractor does not have or when a portion of the job calls for specialized work that the contractor does not do.

Amatangelo then reiterated his opinion and Lignelli added that contractors sub-out work all the time.

"That just does not happen in Donora," Lignelli said of sub-contracting, adding that it's a common practice throughout the region.

As Jurik spoke about her decision to sit at the table reserved for public officials instead of in the audience, Jurik told council that the board would like hold its meetings, get done in an hour and go home.

However, she reiterated that she is going to continue asking questions about financial practices until she gets the answers she is looking for.

In other business, council:

■ Hired Michael Hardesty as a part-time police officer, effective immediately, at an hourly rate of $10 per hour.

■ Adopted a resolution to make a portion of McKean Avenue, from Tenth Street to Eleventh Street, one-way immediately. The street had already been a one-way street from Fourth to Tenth streets.

■ Announced that the borough's Bill Schempp Memorial Halloween Parade will be held 6 p.m. Oct. 29 and will run along McKean Avenue from Third to Eighth streets.

■ Set Trick-or-Treat in the borough for 4-6 p.m. Oct. 31.

■ Announced that in addition to Trick-or-Treat, the borough fire department will host a bonfire for children at Sixth Street and Galiffa Drive on Oct. 31. The event will start at 7 p.m. and will include hot dogs and beverages for children.

Route 837 improvement project near completion

Work near Donora's Gilmore Cemetery was more than 10 years in the making.

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DONORA – A project that has been more than 10 years in the making and is near and dear to the heart of Mayor John Lignelli is finally complete.

Lignelli told members of borough council at, Thursday's monthly session that the retaining wall and road repair project on Route 837 at Gilmore Cemetery is falmost inished.

All that's needed ito complete the job is for workers to paint lines on the road, which Lignelli said should be done on Monday.

The mayor said the area should be open for traffic sometime next week.

Lignelli told council he approached elected state officials and the state Department of Transportation in 1998 about the deteriorating condition of the wall that bordered the old cemetery and the state route.

He said his requests were first met with some opposition.

"I told them that wall is going to cave in and soon the bodies of veterans buried in the cemetery will be lying on the state road," Lignelli said.

Gilmore Cemetery is a historic landmark.

The project, which cost just over $2 million, was bid out a year ago and the section of Route 837 where the work was being done had been closed for approximately four months.

In the process of doing the job, Lignelli said, workers put in 400-feet of wall on the cemetery side and the river side of Route 837.

In addition, new sidewalks and curbs were put in and some portions of the road were raised two feet.

Lignelli also thanked residents in the area who allowed work to be done on a small portion of their properties during the project. Some residents were paid $500 for a portion of their property that was worked on while at least one resident refused to take money for the work.

"We made a great improvement to people's properties down there and increased their value," Lignelli said.

He added that while the road will be opened next week, a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be conducted at a future date when State Sen. J. Barry Stout, D-Bentleyville, who was vital in obtaining funds for the project, can attend.

Gas prices (FROM PAGE ONE)

The state's consumer advocate, Irwin "Sonny" Popowsky, said $170 is "a pretty good chunk of a heating bill."

The Columbia refund follows lower natural gas rates all three regional utilities announced last week.

Begining Oct. 1, Columbia lowered average bills for residential customers for October, November and December by 49.7 percent, to $74.82, from an average of $148.80 charged between Oct. 28, 2008, and Dec. 31, 2008. That's for customers who use 8,000 mcf per month.

Dominion Peoples' 324,000 residential customers for the three-month period will receive, on average, monthly bills 38.9 percent smaller than one year ago. One year ago, a customer using 8,000 mcf gas monthly paid about $126 and now pays $76.97.

Gas distributors in quarterly filings to the utility commission square-up costs with customers, said Joe Gregorini, Dominion Peoples' manager of pricing and regulatory affairs.

Valley briefs

Bag fees hiked for holiday season

Several big airlines have added $10 surcharges for busy days around the holidays, making days that already tended to be expensive to fly a little more costly.

Last month airlines added a $10 each-way surcharge for Nov. 29, the Sunday after Thanksgiving, and Jan. 2 and 3.

Now, FareCompare.com said the same airlines have added 10 more days.

He said surcharges have been added by Delta Air Lines and Northwest, American Airlines, United Airlines, Continental and US Airways.

'Burgh Airport drop among worst

Among the nation's 100 biggest airports, the well-documented decline in passengers at Pittsburgh International during the last decade was worse than everywhere but two cities — St. Louis and Toledo, Ohio — according to a Brookings Institution study issued Thursday.

Pittsburgh International's drop in passenger traffic reflects US Airways' dehubbing of the airport, a process that began in 2003. Since then, the airline's number of departures dropped from 402 a day to 45 last month, as the airline stopped flying planes here to route passengers to their final destinations.

The Brookings study compared Pittsburgh International's experience with other cities. The airport ranks as the nation's 22nd-largest.

In the year ended last March, about 4.13 million passengers got on and off planes in Pittsburgh. That was a 53 percent drop from the traffic count 10 years ago, and about 40 percent lower than it was five years ago.

Only a 54 percent decline in passengers at Lambert-St. Louis International Airport was worse during the 10-year period, and only the 61 percent decline at Toledo Express Airport was worse over the last five years, the Brookings study found.

American Airlines severely cut service in St. Louis, a TWA hub, after acquiring that airline in 2002. Toledo lost flights operated by ATA Airlines, the airport's second-largest carrier, in 2005, a few months after the airline declared bankruptcy.

More recently, in the 12-months ended in March, Pittsburgh International lost 13 percent of its passengers compared with the 12 months ended March 2008.

While still a loss, which was the 12th-worst nationally, it an improvement over the five- and 10-year periods in the study.

Nationwide, the passenger counts declined 6.3 percent in the 12-month period ended in March, which showed the recession's effect on air travel, said Brookings' study co-author Robert Puentes.

"Travel trends have dropped across the board, including highway travel," said Puentes, a senior fellow at the Washington policy group.

Westmoreland eyes prison savings

Reduced health care expenses envisioned for inmates at county lockup.

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The cost of medical care for inmates in Westmoreland County Prison is going up.

But officials said Thursday the higher price will bring down the cost of care in 2010 because prescriptions and certain procedures will be provided at the jail rather than local hospitals.

County commissioners yesterday approved a new one-year deal with Naphcare Inc., the Alabama-based health care provider that has operated the jail's infirmary for more than a decade.

The deal calls for a base payment of $1.5 million next year, which is a 5 percent increase over what the county is expected to pay in 2009. The additional money will pay for a physician's assistant to replace a duty nurse, which officials said will reduce health care costs.

"Having a physician's assistant there in person gives us the ability to do more than just a nurse," said Commissioner Tom Ceraso, who serves as chairman of the county prison board.

As part of the contract, Naphcare will continue to provide a doctor at the jail for about four hours a week. A dentist will be on duty for six hours a week. Mental health professionals will be assigned to the prison, according to Warden John Walton.

The cost-saving change is that a physician's assistant will be on regular duty to handle medical services that have been farmed out to local hospitals.

Walton said that means prescriptions can be written in-house, and inmates who require minor treatment such as sutures can be treated in the prison by the physician's assistant.

"In the end, we can save money through this," Walton said.

Medical bills for jail inmates have been an issue for the county in recent years because expenditures for inmate treatment outside of the jail that exceed $250,000 are billed to taxpayers.

Since 2006, the county has incurred more than $1 million in medical bills above what it paid to Naphcare to treat inmates who were hospitalized after unsuccessful suicide attempts.

Earlier this year, Naphcare and county prison officials were named as defendants in a federal lawsuit filed by the family of an inmate who died behind bars. The family contends medical professionals and prison officials neglected signs of drug withdrawal that ultimately led to the inmate's death.

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David Sasko, second from right, accepts the annual Chuck Chattaway Memorial Award for Regal Industrial Corp. from Middle Monongahela Industrial Development Association executive director Lue Ann Pawlick at MIDA's 43rd annual dinner Thursday night at Nemacolin Country Club. Principals are, from left: Milt Kubik, MIDA president; Pawlick; Sasko, and Ronald Monack, MIDA secretary.

MIDA honors Regal Industrial Corp.

Regal Industrial Corp., which operates out of the Middle Monongahela Industrial Development Association Industrial Park in Donora, is the recipient of this year's Chuck Chattaway Memorial Award.

Presentation of the award, which is given each year to a company or individual in recognition of "efforts in promoting economic growth in this region through industrial or economic development," was the highlight of MIDA's 43rd annual dinner Thursday night at Nemacolin Country Club.

David Sasko accepted the award on behalf of Regal Industrial Corp. from MIDA executive director Lue Ann Pawlick.

The award is named in honor of the late Chuck Chattaway, the first president of MIDA who led the effort to restore the abandoned U.S. Steel Iron and Zinc Works in Donora into a productive site in the '60s.

"Chuck nurtured MIDA's efforts by raising funds, hiring staff and involving executives and community leaders as members of the board and executive committee," reads part of the resolution about the award.

"MIDA pursued its mission under Chuck's leadership and helped to attract and expand several companies in the region to establish a core of local workers to replace jobs lost with the closing of the Donora mill.

MIDA has accomplished a great deal over the past 43 years and many people have contributed to its successes. Chuck Chattaway set the precedent for these successes."

Westmoreland County hires property assessor to computerize records

Move could be a precursor to a countywide reassessment.

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In what might be a precursor to a countywide reassessment, Westmoreland County Commissioners on Thursday hired an Ohio firm to computerize more than 190,000 property assessment records.

The $671,900 contract with Tyler Technologies of Dayton, includes an option for the firm to conduct a reassessment, the commissioners said.

"It's an opportunity to get out in front in case the court orders we do a reassessment," said Commissioner Charles Anderson.

The county's assessment records are handwritten on index cards on stored in file cabinets.

The contract with Tyler Technologies calls for the company to digitize those records for computer storage.

County officials have long conceded Westmoreland County's assessment system is outdated.

The county has the fifth-oldest assessments in the state and uses cost-of-construction figures from 1972 to determine property values.

Earlier this year, the state Supreme Court ruled a similar system in Allegheny County was unconstitutional because it was too old and unfair to homeowners.

A Tribune-Review analysis earlier this year of property values determined that more than half of the properties sold last year in the Westmoreland County were assessed at values 20 percent higher or lower than their sale prices.

Westmoreland County's system was not addressed in the Supreme Court ruling, but officials are concerned that another court ruling or legislative action could force all counties to undertake a reassessment.

Commissioners have made no commitments to do a reassessment.

Assessment Appeals Board Member John Wilt said a reassessment could cost between $6 million and $12 million.

As part of the deal with Tyler Technologies, the company is expected to give the county a better estimate for the price of a reassessment.

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Fayette County dismisses veteran election director

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The director of Fayette County's election bureau has been terminated from her position.

Laurie Lint, a 20-year employee who was director of elections for the past 10 years, was let go late Wednesday, according to commissioners Vincent Vicites and Vincent Zapotosky.

Vicites and Zapotosky signed off on the termination notice after an emergency meeting of all three county commissioners and their personnel director, Dominick Carnicella.

Lint was advised of her termination during a late afternoon meeting with Carnicella.

Zapotosky said Lint was asked to resign in lieu of termination, but she refused to quit voluntarily.

Contacted Thursday by phone, Lint declined to comment.

Zapotosky said Lint was terminated over alleged "numerous failures to comply with directives." Delays in voter purges were among the concerns they cited.

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DEATH NOTICES

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CAMPBELL — Roberta M. Campbell, 67, of Monessen, on Tuesday, Oct. 6. Rhome Funeral Home Inc., Monessen.*

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PREVIOUS DEATHS:
OPALENIK, Anna Pearl*
STANLEY, Vra Mae*
*** See death notice**

Roberta M. Campbell
Monessen

Roberta M. Campbell, 67, of Monessen, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2009, in Mon Valley Hospital. She was born Sept. 7, 1942, in Havre, Mont., a daughter of the late Samuel and Betty Davey Carpenter. She worked as a unit clerk for Mon Valley Hospital Inc., prior to her retirement. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Charleroi. Surviving are her husband, Julian "Chip" W. Campbell; two sons, James McLaughlin, of California, and Joel McLaughlin, of Florida; the following stepchildren: Patty and husband Tom Gould of Washington, Pa.; Allison and husband Michael Richards of Michigan City, Ind.; Roberta Campbell of Indiana; Julian W. "Jay" Campbell of Chesterton, Ind.; Michael W. and wife Lisa Campbell of Westville, Ind.; 15 grandchildren; three great-grandsons; and siblings Victor and wife Julia Carpenter of Hoven, S.D., Tanya and husband Wally Berry of Great Falls, Mont., Pamela Rausch of Boise, Idaho, and Patsy Tangen of Great Falls, Mont. She was preceded in death by her stepson, W. Douglas Campbell; and two grandchildren, Brianne Campbell and Aaron Gould. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the RHOME FUNERAL HOME INC., 1209 Grand Boulevard, Monessen, family owned and operated as a member of the Golden Rule, where friends will be received on Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Services will be held on Monday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home with Rev. James Linn officiating.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Joseph Bercik
Elrama

Joseph Bercik, 90, of Elrama, died Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2009, in the Mon Valley Care Center. He was born on Feb. 12, 1919, in Clairton, a son of the late Mike and Mary Magulak Bercik. Mr. Bercik was a member of St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church in Elrama. He was a U.S. Army Air Force veteran, having served in World War II as a Staff Sergeant in the European and Pacific Theaters. He retired in 1981 from U.S. Steel Clairton Works after 41 years of employment. He is survived by a sister, Helen Conway of Brentwood; and three nephews and two nieces: James and his wife Mary Jane Gagliardi of Monongahela; Fred and his wife Marcia Bercik of Charleroi; Father G. Michael Bercik, OFM of Boston, Mass.; Kathryn and her husband Elmer Flament of Charleroi; Milbrey and her husband Thomas Campbell of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; and several other nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Julia Mutchler Bercik; four brothers and two sisters. Friends will be received 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday in the FRYE FUNERAL HOME INC., 427 West Main St., Monongahela. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Isaac Jogues Church, Elrama, with the Rev. Robert Boyle, pastor, as celebrant. Committal services and interment will follow in the Monongahela Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Marie V. Imburgia
Belle Vernon

Marie V. Imburgia, 95, of Belle Vernon, formerly of Monessen, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2009, in Mon Valley Hospital. She was born Sept. 28, 1914, in Monessen, a daughter of the late Daniel and Natalie Castagnoli Yannitto. She was a member of Epiphany of Our Lord Church of Monessen. Surviving are two sons, Francis and wife Gerri Imburgia of Ohio, and Robert and wife Susan Imburgia of Belle Vernon; a daughter, Natalie and husband Ron Penwell of West Virginia; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Jane and husband Bob Clay of Florida, and Yolanda Schroeder of New Jersey; numerous nieces and nephews; and a sister-in-law, Millie Yannitto of Monessen. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Imburgia; brothers, Michael, Rudolph, and Robert "Rab" Yannitto; and a sister, Helen Restivo. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the RHOME FUNERAL HOME INC., 1209 Grand Boulevard, Monessen, family owned and operated as a member of the Golden Rule, where friends will be received on Friday from 1 to 3 and 6 to 8 p.m. A blessing service will be held at the funeral home on Saturday at 9:30 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at the Epiphany of Our Lord Church, at 10 a.m. Interment will follow in the Grandview Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Charles William 'Bucky' McKeen
Monongahela

Charles William "Bucky" McKeen, 73, of Monongahela, formerly of Hazelwood, died Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2009, at home surrounded by his loving family. He was born March 9, 1936, in Pittsburgh, a son of the late William and Elizabeth Brown McKeen. Bucky was employed as a manager at the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall in Oakland, where he worked for 15 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in the 101st Airborne Division and was a lifetime member of Schenley American Legion Post 663 and VFW Post 274 of Pittsburgh. He loved the City of Pittsburgh and its Steelers. He was a proud Irishman who lived his life on his own terms. He will be sadly missed by those who knew and loved him. He is survived by three sons, William McKeen of Monongahela, and wife Louise, who he loved like a daughter, Joseph McKeen of Hazelwood, and John and wife Mary McKeen of Pittsburgh; eight grandchildren, Thomas, Nancy, Billie Jo, Willie, Joseph, Michael, J.R., and Kelly McKeen; and four great-grandchildren: Ryan, Skylar, Thomas, and Dominic McKeen. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy Staib McKeen; and cousins, Patty and Whitey Holleran. Friends will be received 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday in the FRYE FUNERAL HOME INC., 427 West Main St., Monongahela, where a blessing service will be held on Monday at 1 p.m. Committal services and interment will follow in Calvary Cemetery, Pittsburgh.

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Anna (Vandermer) Opalenik
Charleroi

Anna Pearl Vandermer Opalenik, 83, of Charleroi, died Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2009, in Country Care Manor, Washington Township. Born in Charleroi on March 16, 1926, she was the daughter of the late Peter and Anna (Chevalier) Vandermer. A homemaker, Pearl was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church in Coal Center, where she was active in the United Methodist Women. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Stanley Opalenik Jr.; daughter, Lois (Jack) Cochenour of Rostraver Township; two sons, Glenn (Susan) Opalenik of Westerville, Ohio, and David (Jennifer) Opalenik of Boise, Idaho; nine grandchildren, Jeff Cochenour, Scott (Samantha) Cochenour, Brian (Jodie) Cochenour, Carrie Cochenour, Angela Opalenik, Nicole (Mike) Thompson, Robert Opalenik, Jessica Opalenik, and Sarah Opalenik; three great-grandchildren, Alexander, Elizabeth and Maxwell Cochenour; two sisters, Ida Metcalfe of Fort Myers Beach, Fla., and Lee Brewer of Carlsbad, N.M.; two sisters-in-law, Marge and Jane Vandermer, both of Florida; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Jules and Raymond Vandermer. Friends will be received on Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the JAMES C. STUMP FUNERAL HOME INC., 580 Circle Drive, Belle Vernon/Rostraver Township (724-929-7934) www.jamesstumpfuneralhome.com, where a funeral service will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. with Rev. Randy Landman officiating. Interment will follow in Monongahela Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Vra Mae Stanley
Belle Vernon

Vra Mae Stanley, 84, of Belle Vernon, was called home to be with the Lord on Oct. 7, 2009. Born Oct. 12, 1924, in Centerville, Ala., she was the daughter of the late Susie and Daniel Haney. In addition to her parents, Vra was preceded in death by her husband, Leroy Stanley Sr.; three children, Leroy A. Stanley Jr., Ervin DeLance Stanley and Susie Elaine Stanley; and three siblings, William Haney, John (J.W.) Haney and Eddie Pearl Robinson. Vra migrated north in the late 1930's, settling in Beaver Falls with her parents, along with her brothers and sister. She graduated from the Poro Beauty Academy, after which she secured employment in Monessen, where she met her beloved late husband, Leroy Stanley Sr. They shared 48 years of marriage, six children and one adopted daughter. Vra was a lifelong member of Antioch Baptist Church, where she served as president of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, superintendent and teacher of the Sunday School and a member of the choir. She was the mother of the YWBA, past president of the Women's Home in Foreign Mission Convention, treasurer of the Ushers Convention, a teacher and registrar for the Congress of Christian Education, president of the Faculty Club, served on the finance committee for the Lott Carey Convention, was an active member of the Star of Bethlehem Chapter No. 344 O.E.S.P.H.A. and a member of the Mon Valley N.A.A.C.P., serving on the executive board. She is survived by her loving children, Daniel F. Stanley of Hampton, Va., Gwendolyn Stanley and Vera Lorraine Stanley, both of Belle Vernon; a daughter-in-law, Sharon Stahl-Stanley of Arizona; an adopted daughter, Stephanie Workman of North Carolina; a brother, Roddy (Vivian) Haney of Warner Robins, Ga.; sisters-in-law, Earlean Stanley-Grogan of Temple Hills, Md., and Dorothy Stanley of Pittsburgh; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins; other relatives and friends. Family and friends will be received on Sunday, Oct. 11, 2009, from 2 to 8 p.m. at Antioch Baptist Church, 945 Henry St., Belle Vernon, where funeral services will be held on Monday, Oct. 12, 2009, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Clifford Carter officiating the Homegoing Celebration. Interment will take place at the Mon Valley Memorial Park in Donora. Arrangements have been entrusted to the BEVERLY C. DRAPER FUNERAL HOME INC., 608 Sixth St., Monessen (724) 684-6242.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

James E. 'Ed' Shahan Sr.
Perryopolis

James E. "Ed" Shahan Sr., 61, of Perryopolis, passed away Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009. He was born Dec. 26, 1947, in Whitsett, a son of the late Delbert and Agnes Strother Shahan. Ed was a member of the Sons of Italy and American Legion Post 752, both of Perryopolis. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War serving with the U.S. Army. He is survived by one daughter, Traci Shahan and fiance Kerry Hoover of Charleroi; two sons, James E. Shahan Jr. and wife Bonnie of Perryopolis, and Christopher M. Shahan and wife Lisa of Belle Vernon; six grandchildren, Dori Ann and Jessalyn Hoover, Sophie and Sadie Shahan, Ian and Lily Shahan; two sisters, Mrs. George (Nancy) Aders of Tell City, Ind., and Mrs. Thomas (Fran) Nagy of Perryopolis; one brother, Delbert G. Shahan Jr., and wife Barbara of Vanderbilt; two nieces, Diane Layhew, Betty Cramer and friend, Baxter. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Kathleen Cramer and Ruth Murphy. Friends will be received in the BLAIR-LOWTHER FUNERAL HOME INC., 305 Rear Independence St., Perryopolis, on Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., and on Monday until 11 a.m., the hour of service with the Rev. Richard Schimansky officiating. Interment will be in Mt. Washington Cemetery, Perryopolis. Graveside Military Rites will be accorded by VFW Gold Star Post 7023 and American Legion 752 of Perryopolis.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Mary K. Stawovy
Belle Vernon

Mary K. Stawovy, 87, of Belle Vernon, Rostraver Township, died Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2009, in Mon Valley Hospital. She was born Aug. 25, 1922, in Grandtown, W.Va., the daughter of the late John and Katherine (Fremal) Ziak. Mrs. Stawovy was co-owner of Willowbrook and Cedarbrook Golf Courses. She was a member of the former St. Timothy Roman Catholic Church in Smithton and was presently a member of the Seven Dolors Roman Catholic Church in Yukon. She is survived by her daughter, Anna (Richard) Karabin, of Ruffsdale; two grandchildren, Alex and Nick Karabin; brother, John (Violet) Ziak, of Wickhaven; sister-in-law, Margaret Ziak, of Decatur, Ala.; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ben T. Stawovy, on April 19, 2008; brother, William Ziak, of Decatur, Ala.; and a sister, Elizabeth Ziak, of Wickhaven. Friends will be received on from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday in the JAMES C. STUMP FUNERAL HOME INC., 580 Circle Drive, Belle Vernon/Rostraver Township, 724-929-7934, www.jamesstumpfuneralhome.com, where a Blessing Service will be held at 9 a.m. Monday followed by a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in the Seven Dolors Roman Catholic Church, Yukon, with the Rev. Emil Payer as celebrant. Interment will follow in the St. Timothy Cemetery, Smithton. The family suggests memorial contributions be made in Mary K. Stawovy's memory to be later donated to a church in Poland.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Dara Pintar
Canonsburg Formerly of Finleyville

Dara Pintar, 87, of Canonsburg, formerly of Finleyville, died Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009, in the Greenery Rehabilitation Center. She was born on July 13, 1922, in Acme, a daughter of the late Michael and Mary Markovich Kukovich. Dara spent most of her life residing in Washington County and was a member of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Monongahela. She was a graduate of the Chicago School of Nursing and was very proud and honored to have worked for the Vickers Defense Plant in Detroit, Mich., during World War II. After she married, she became a stay-at-home mom and was very devoted to her husband and family. She is survived by her husband, Matthew J. Pintar; a daughter, Cathie Walrath and her husband Patrick of Warner Robins, Ga.; a son, Matthew J. Pintar Jr. and his wife Marie of Sumter, S.C.; two grandchildren, Shawn Walrath and his wife Heather, and Dara Hobbs and her husband Stephen; two great-grandsons, Jack and Sam Walrath; a brother, Edward Kukovich and his wife Bonnie of Ellsworth; a sister, Emily Vunjak of Clarksville; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Lucille Jones. Friends will be received 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday in the FRYE FUNERAL HOME INC., 427 West Main St., Monongahela, where a blessing service will be held at 12:15 p.m., followed by a funeral service at 1 p.m. in St. Nicholas Orthodox Church with the Very Rev. Edward Pehanich as celebrant. Committal services and interment will follow in Forest Lawn Gardens, McMurray.

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VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Fundraiser set at Rusty Star

A fundraiser to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation will be held 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday at the Rusty Star Saloon, Washington Township. Included in the cover charge will be a silent auction, door prizes, half-the-take, bachelor auction and deejay Kovy. Calendars and T-shirts will be sold.

Casino trip date corrected

The Fayette City Goldenagers are taking a trip to Rivers Casino in Pittsburgh Oct. 13. Bus pickup will be at 8:30 a.m. at Hoss's Steak and Sea House, Rostraver Township. An incorrect date was given in a previous edition.

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT

Larry Hopkins, Charleroi

The following case was heard Monday before Magisterial District Judge Larry Hopkins:

■ Christopher Todd Byron, 37, of 817 Lookout Ave., Apt. 3, waived his right to a preliminary hearing on charges of DUI and careless driving, in connection with an alleged incident, 3:38 p.m. Aug. 26, in the 700 block of Lincoln Ave., North Charleroi.

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NEWS

TODAY IN HISTORY

OCTOBER 9

Today is Friday, Oct. 9, the 282nd day of 2009. There are 83 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight

On Oct. 9, 1919, the Cincinnati Reds won the World Series, 5-3, defeating the Chicago White Sox 10-5 at Comiskey Park. (The victory turned hollow amid charges eight of the White Sox had thrown the Series in what became known as the "Black Sox" scandal.)

On this date:

■ In 1446, the Korean alphabet, created under the aegis of King Sejong, was first published.

■ In 1701, the Collegiate School of Connecticut — later Yale University — was chartered.

■ In 1776, a group of Spanish missionaries settled in present-day San Francisco.

■ In 1859, French army officer Alfred Dreyfus, the focal point of the Dreyfus Affair, was born in Mulhouse.

■ In 1930, Laura Ingalls became the first woman to fly across the United States as she completed a nine-stop journey from Roosevelt Field, on New York's Long Island, to Glendale, Calif.

■ In 1946, the Eugene O'Neill drama "The Iceman Cometh" opened at the Martin Beck Theater in New York.

■ In 1958, Pope Pius XII died at age 82, ending a 19-year papacy. (He was succeeded by Pope John XXIII.)

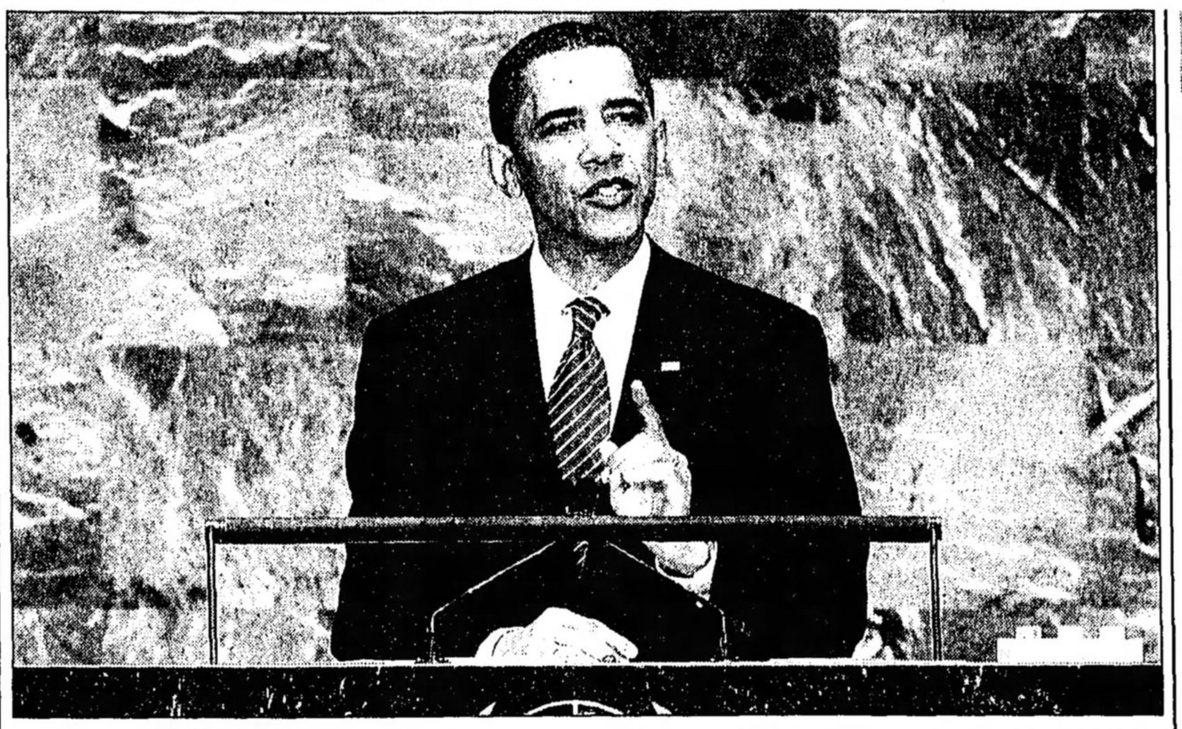
■ In 1967, Latin American guerrilla leader Che Guevara was executed while attempting to incite revolution in Bolivia.

■ In 1974, businessman Oskar Schindler, credited with saving about 1,200 Jews during the Holocaust, died in Frankfurt, West Germany. (At his request, he was buried in Jerusalem.)

■ **Ten years ago**: The United Auto Workers and Ford Motor Co. reached a tentative agreement on a new contract, hours after a handful of workers walked off the job when a strike deadline passed.

■ **Five years ago**: A tour bus from the Chicago area flipped in Arkansas, killing 15 people headed to a Mississippi casino.

■ **One year ago**: Calm gave way to fear in financial markets, turning a relatively steady day into a rout that pushed the Dow Jones industrials below 9,000 — to 8,579.19 — for the first time in five years.



Associated Press

U.S. President Barack Obama today won the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize for "his extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples," the Norwegian Nobel Committee said.

President Barack Obama wins Nobel Peace Prize

He's the third sitting U.S. president to win the prize.

By KARL RITTER and MATT MOORE
Associated Press Writers

OSLO — President Barack Obama won the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize today for "his extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples," the Norwegian Nobel Committee said, citing his outreach to the Muslim world and attempts to curb nuclear proliferation.

The stunning choice made Obama the third sitting U.S. president to win the Nobel Peace Prize and shocked Nobel observers because Obama took office less than two weeks before the Feb. 1 nomination deadline. Obama's name had been mentioned in speculation before the award but many Nobel watchers believed it was too early to award the president.

Speculation had focused on Zimbabwe's Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai, a Colombian senator and a Chinese dissident, along with an Afghan woman's rights activist.

The Nobel committee praised Obama's creation of "a new climate in international politics" and said he had returned multilateral diplomacy and institutions like the U.N. to the center of the world stage. The plaudit appeared to be a slap at President George W. Bush from a committee that harshly criticized Obama's predecessor for resorting to largely unilateral military action in the wake of the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

Rather than recognizing concrete achievement, the 2009 prize appeared intended to support initiatives that have yet to bear fruit: reducing the world stock of nuclear arms, easing American conflicts with Muslim nations and strengthening the U.S. role in combating climate change.

"Only very rarely has a person to the same extent as Obama captured the world's attention and given its people hope for a better future," Thorbjoern Jagland, chairman of the Nobel Committee said. "In the past year Obama has been a key person for important initiatives in the U.N. for nuclear disarmament and to set a completely new agenda for the Muslim world and East-West relations."

He added that the committee endorsed "Obama's appeal that 'Now is the time for all of us to take our share of responsibility for a global response to global challenges.'"

President Theodore Roosevelt won the award in 1906 and President Woodrow Wilson won in 1919.

The committee chairman said after awarding the 2002 prize to former Democratic President Jimmy Carter, for his mediation in international conflicts, that it should be seen as a "kick in the leg" to the Bush administration's hard line in the buildup to the Iraq war.

Five years later, the committee honored Bush's adversary in the 2000 presidential election, Al Gore, for his campaign to raise awareness about global warming.

The Nobel committee received a record 205 nominations for this year's prize though it was not immediately apparent who nominated Obama.

"The exciting and important thing about this prize is that it's given too someone ... who has the power to contribute to peace," Norwegian Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg said.

Nominators include former laureates; current and former members of the committee and their staff; members of national governments and legislatures; university professors of law, theology, social sciences, history and philosophy; leaders of peace research and foreign affairs institutes; and members of international courts of law.

The Nelson Mandela Foundation welcomed the award on behalf of its founder Nelson Mandela, who shared the 1993 Peace Prize with then-South African President F.W. DeKlerk for their efforts at ending years of apartheid and laying the groundwork for a democratic country.

"We trust that this award will strengthen his commitment, as the leader of the most powerful nation in the world, to continue promoting peace and the eradication of poverty," the foundation said.

In his 1895 will, Alfred Nobel stipulated that the peace prize should go "to the person who shall have done the most or the best work for fraternity between the nations and the abolition or reduction of standing armies and the formation and spreading of peace congresses."

Unlike the other Nobel Prizes, which are awarded by Swedish institutions, he said the peace prize should be given out by a five-member committee elected by the Norwegian Parliament.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

Car bomb kills 41 in Pakistan

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — A suicide bomber detonated his vehicle near a crowded market in Pakistan's northwest city of Peshawar today, killing 41 people. The government responded by saying it had "no other option" but to launch an offensive in the militant stronghold of South Waziristan along the Afghan border.

The attack in the Khyber Bazaar area also wounded more than 100 people and demonstrated the ability of insurgents to strike in Pakistan's major cities despite ongoing operations pressuring their networks and the death of their leader in a U.S. missile strike.

The charred skeleton of a bus flipped on its side in the middle of the road, while the remains of a twisted motorbike lay nearby, TV footage showed. Passers-by rushed to cover the bodies of victims whose clothes were burned off, while a man carried a woman apparently knocked out by the blast. One man staggered from the scene, his entire face covered with blood.

"I saw a blood soaked leg landing close to me," said Noor Alam, who suffered wounds on his legs and face and was at the overwhelmed Lady Reading hospital. "I understood for the first time in my life what a doomsday would look like."

Slides leave 160 dead in Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Rescuers struggled through mud and pounding rain today to clear mountain roads and retrieve more than 160 dead from dozens of landslides that buried villages and cut off towns in the rain-soaked northern Philippines.

The latest calamity brought the death toll to more than 450 from the Philippines' worst flooding in 40 years after back-to-back storms started pounding the country's north Sept. 26.

More than 160 people were killed in landslides in Benguet and Mountain Province along the Cordillera mountain range, about 125 miles (200 kilometers) north of Manila, officials in the two provinces said.

The fatalities included 120 in Benguet, Gov. Nestor Fongwan said, while 23 died in Mountain Province, according to Gov. Max Dalog. Another 25 people died in Baguio, city relief administrator Peter Fianza said.

Landslides blocked the roads to the mountain city of Baguio in the heart of the Cordillera region. The only way to reach the isolated, mountain communities was by foot, and military helicopters could not fly yet because of the storms, said Lt. Col. Ernesto Torres, spokesman for the government's disaster-relief agency.

About 100 landslides have struck the region since the weekend, said Rex Manuel, another relief official.

Government stops counting flu cases

ATLANTA (AP) — U.S. health officials have lost track of how many illnesses and deaths have been caused by the first global flu epidemic in 40 years.

And they did it on purpose.

Government doctors stopped counting swine flu cases in July, when they estimated more than 1 million were infected in this country. The number of deaths has been sitting at more than 600 since early September.

Other nations have stopped relying on lab-confirmed cases, too, and health officials say the current monitoring system is adequate. But not having specific, accurate counts of swine flu means the government doesn't have a clear picture of how hard the infection is hitting some groups of people, said Andrew Pekosz, a flu expert at Johns Hopkins University.

The novel H1N1 flu seems to be more dangerous for children, young adults, pregnant women and even the obese, according to studies based on small numbers of patients. But exactly how much more at risk those people are is hard to gauge if the overall numbers are fuzzy.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

One player hits 'Cash 5' jackpot

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — One player matched all five winning numbers drawn in Thursday's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" game and will collect a jackpot worth $593,370.50.

Lottery officials said 137 players matched four numbers and won $279 each; 5,864 players matched three numbers and won $11 each; and 70,297 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

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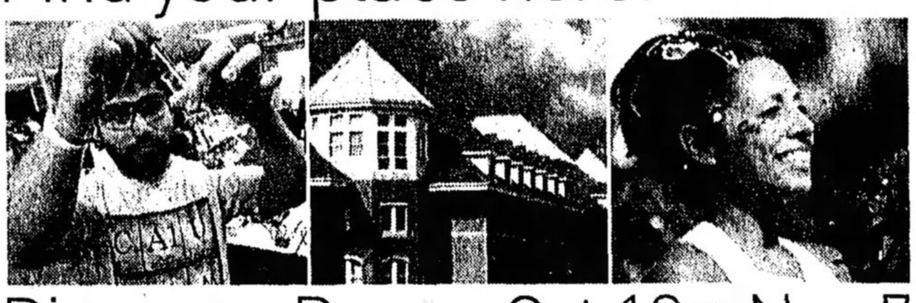

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TREASURE HUNT:	12-19-23-25-27
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NIGHT PICK 4:	8-7-8-5
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OUR OPINION

Another U.N. scandal

The United Nations' ouster of its No. 2 official in Afghanistan portends yet another fraud that Turtle Bay is far more willing to condone than confront.

It's also another despicable U.N. mission creep from the world body's goal, which in this case supposedly is to help ensure the integrity of Afghanistan's presidential election.

Preliminary results showed President Hamid Karzai won the majority of the Aug. 20 vote. But former Deputy Envoy Peter Galbraith, an American, charges that the U.N. acted irresponsibly in handling claims of widespread voting fraud.

In a Sept. 28 letter to U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, he writes that the U.N. Assistance Mission in Afghanistan couldn't overlook such irregularities without "becoming complicit in a cover-up."

Mr. Galbraith wanted a full investigation.

Instead, he got the boot.

This, after the U.N. reportedly channeled more than $220 million to enable the "election."

A U.N. spokesman in Afghanistan insists "now is not the time" to deal with such bothersome accusations. Instead, the U.N.-backed Electoral Complaints Commission is conducting a partial recount, which some observers expect will hand the election to Mr. Karzai and a corruption-ridden government.

Once again, it's the agenda that matters most at Turtle Bay, not necessarily the reality of a given situation — whether it's a bogus vote in Afghanistan or the junk science of global warming.

YOUR OPINION

Cut salary, benefits for federal employees

To the Editor:

The federal government tells us day after day about the huge deficit we have and how it will continue to grow in the years to come.

I would like to see those employed by the federal government to take a cut in pay and benefits for the next several years.

This would include the president, vice president, senators, congressmen, ambassadors, members of the cabinet, Supreme Court justices, all staff, personnel and all federal employees in general.

When a company in the public sector has serious financial problems, their employees end up taking pay cuts and many face permanent layoffs. Why are people in the federal government exempt from the same fate?

We could save a great deal of money if all federal employees, including those I mentioned, would take a modest 10 percent pay cut starting in 2010. We could keep this in effect for at least the next five years.

I am sure a cut in benefits for federal employees as well would save a lot of money.

If this country is in such bad shape financially, let the Congress set an example and cut their own pay first.

The Congress thought it was OK when it took away the cost of living adjustment from the Social Security checks of seniors and the disabled for the next three years. Why shouldn't they suffer the same fate?

Members of Congress, for what they do, are grossly overpaid. They do not deserve the pay and benefits that they now receive.

Ken Zaydel Sr.
Monongahela

Cigarette tax last straw

To the Editor:

I got really upset when our government officials raised the price of cigarettes. Now Gov. Rendell proposed a 25-cent additional tax on cigarettes. Don't these idiots know that the hundreds of thousands of smokers will remember their idiocy at the polls. I won't ever vote for them again.

Jon Micjan
Elco

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The generals' war

Pat **BUCHANAN**

The Pentagon's preemptive strike came with the leak of Gen. Stanley McChrystal's confidential review of the Afghan war to Bob Woodward of The Washington Post.

McChrystal's painting of the military picture was grim.

"Failure to gain the initiative and reverse insurgent momentum in the near-term (next 12 months) — while Afghan security capacity matures — risks an outcome where defeating the insurgency is no longer possible."

If I don't get the troops to reverse the Taliban gains, said McChrystal, we face "mission failure." A Saigon ending to the Afghan war. Word was quickly out that McChrystal wanted 40,000 troops, to bring U.S. force levels to 110,000 and coalition forces to 140,000.

Last week, a three-hour review was held at the White House. McChrystal participated by teleconference. His strategy — fight a counterinsurgency against the Taliban by taking and holding population centers, protecting the Afghan people and building up Kabul's army, economy and government — was challenged.

Among those urging a smaller U.S. footprint and a strategic shift from fighting the Taliban to killing al-Qaida in Pakistan with drone and Special Forces strikes was Joe Biden.

McChrystal answered Biden in a speech and Q-and-A session in London, all but saying Joe ought to stick to the rubber-chicken circuit and leave war to the warriors. A "counter-terrorist focus" like the Biden strategy, said McChrystal, would lead straight to "Chaos-istan."

Would he support it?

"The short answer is no," said McChrystal. "Waiting does not prolong a favorable outcome. This effort will not remain winnable indefinitely, and nor will public support" — a shot at what critics are calling Obama's dithering in deciding on McChrystal's troop request.

Obama, said to be "furious," called McChrystal to Copenhagen for a 25-minute face-to-face on Air Force One.

Yet McChrystal is now quoted in Newsweek about any half measures to reverse a deteriorating situation. "You can't hope to contain the fire by letting just half the building burn."

Sunday, National Security Adviser Gen. James Jones said of the McChrystal-Obama meeting, "I am sure they exchanged direct views."

Jones went on to suggest McChrystal's recommendations were merely the general's "own opinion" of "what he thinks his role within that strategy is." Other factors must go into the final decisions on strategy and force levels.

Among them, said Jones, is the election debacle in Kabul that made Tehran's vote look like Iowa.

Jones tossed ice water on McChrystal's urgency. Afghanistan is "in no imminent danger of falling to the Taliban," and al-Qaida has "less than 100" fighters in the country, "no bases, no buildings to launch attacks either on us or our allies."

As for McChrystal's public campaign, said Jones, "It's better for military advice to come up through the chain of command."

Concentrating the minds of all on Sunday was news that 10 U.S. soldiers were killed, two by an Afghan solider, eight when their remote outpost near Pakistan was attacked by hundreds of Taliban.

As Obama approaches the pivotal decision of his presidency, here is where the major players seem to be lining up.

McChrystal believes so strongly in the need for 40,000 troops he could resign his command if denied them. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs Adm. Michael Mullen seems to be in the McChrystal camp.

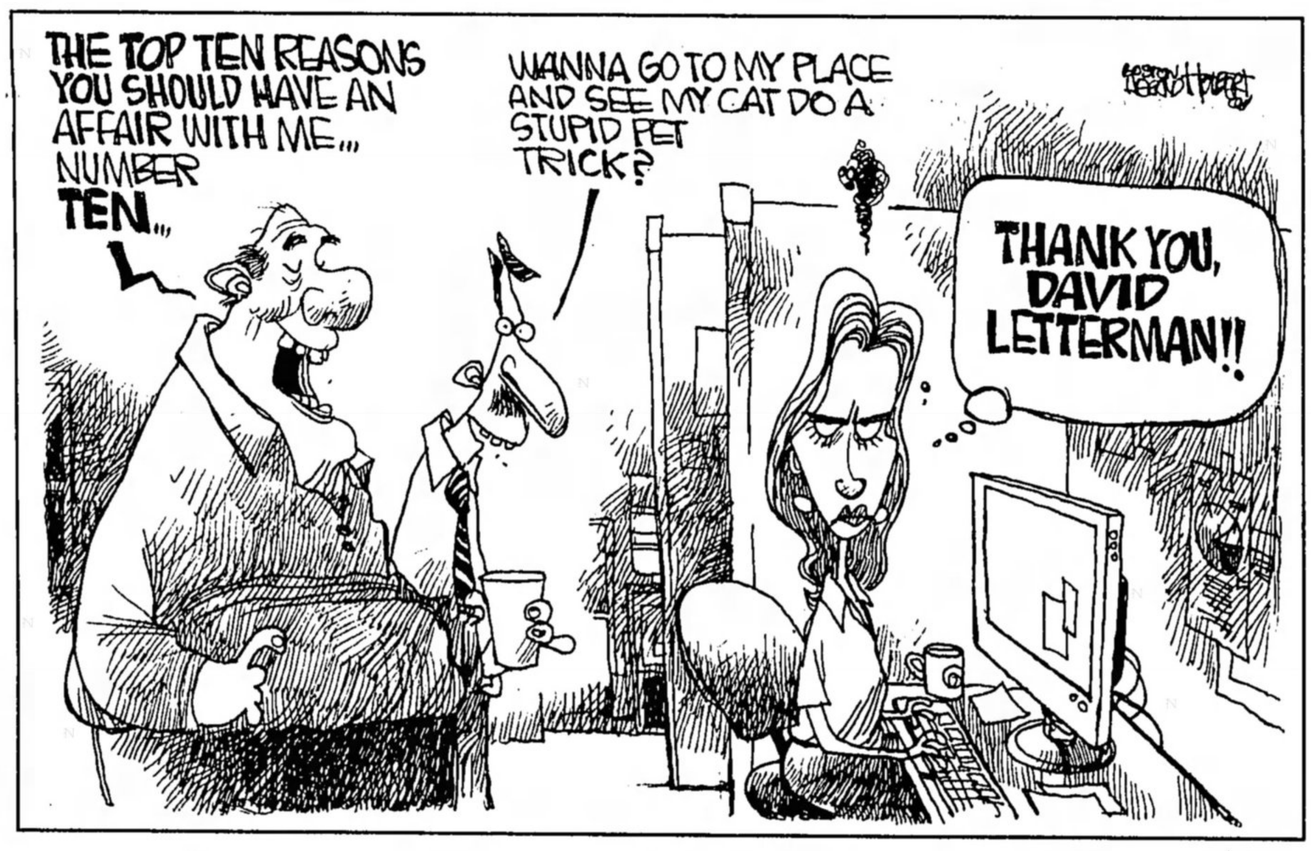
Gen. David Petraeus, regional commander for Afghanistan and Iraq, has yet to commit himself. But as architect of the surge in Iraq, he would seem to support McChrystal. What Petraeus will do, if the McChrystal request is denied, is the big question in Washington. For Petraeus reportedly sees himself as a presidential candidate.

From her own words, Hillary is with McChrystal: "Some people say, well, al-Qaida's no longer in Afghanistan. If Afghanistan were taken over by the Taliban, I can't tell you how fast al-Qaida would be back in Afghanistan."

This challenges what Gen. Jones said Sunday when he minimized the al-Qaida threat in Afghanistan and the Taliban threat to Kabul.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates will be a key player. It was he who relieved Gen. David McKiernan of his command in May, saying we need "fresh thinking," and turned Afghanistan over to McChrystal, whom he described as a soldier who shared the perspective of Petraeus. Can Gates come down against the general he appointed only months ago?

Yet Biden is not alone. Jones is receptive to his views, as are a majority of Obama's party on the Hill, as are White House aides who see Afghanistan as Obama's Vietnam, as is most of the nation.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WANNA GO TO MY PLACE AND SEE MY CAT DO A STUPID PET TRICK?
THANK YOU, DAVID LETTERMAN!!

Lost interest in war caskets

Byron **York**

Remember the controversy over the Pentagon policy of not allowing the press to take pictures of the flag-draped caskets of American war dead as they arrived in the United States? Critics accused President George W. Bush of trying to hide the terrible human cost of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"These young men and women are heroes," Vice President Joseph Biden said in 2004, when he was senator from Delaware. "The idea that they are essentially snuck back into the country under the cover of night so no one can see that their casket has arrived, I just think is wrong."

In April of this year, the Obama administration lifted the press ban, which had been in place since the Persian Gulf War in 1991. Media outlets rushed to cover the first arrival of a fallen U.S. serviceman, and many photographers came back for the second arrival, and then the third.

But after that, the impassioned advocates of showing the true human cost of war grew tired of the story. Fewer and fewer photographers showed up.

"It's really fallen off," says Lt. Joe Winter, spokesman for the Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations Center at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware, where all war dead are received. "The flurry of interest has subsided."

That's an understatement. When the casket bearing Air Force Tech. Sgt. Phillip Myers of Hopewell, Va., arrived at Dover the night of April 5 — the first arrival in which press coverage was allowed — there were representatives of 35 media outlets on hand to cover the story. Two days later, when the body of Army Spc. Israel Candelaria Mejias of San Lorenzo, Puerto Rico, arrived, 17 media outlets were there. (All the figures here were provided by the Mortuary Affairs Operations Center.) On subsequent days in April, there were nearly a dozen press organizations on hand to cover arrivals, but by the end of the month, that number had dwindled to a handful.

Fast-forward to September. On Sept. 2, when the casket bearing the body of Marine Lance Cpl. David Hall of Elyria, Ohio, arrived at Dover, there was just one news outlet — the Associated Press — there to record it. The situation was pretty much the same when caskets arrived on Sept. 5, Sept. 9, Sept. 10, Sept. 12, Sept. 13, Sept. 14, Sept. 16, Sept. 22, Sept. 23 and Sept. 26. There was no television coverage at all last month.

The media can cover arrivals only when the family gives its permission. In all the examples above, the families approved, which is more often than not the case; since the policy was changed, according to the Mortuary Affairs Office, 60 percent of families have said yes to full media coverage.

But these days, the press hordes that once descended on Dover are gone, and there's usually only one organization on hand. The Associated Press, which supplies photos to 1,500 U.S. newspapers and 4,000 Web sites, has had a photographer at every arrival for which permission was granted.

"It's our belief that this is important, that surely somewhere there is a paper, an audience, a readership, a family and a community for whom this homecoming is indeed news," says Paul Colford, director of media relations for the AP. "It's been agreed internally that this is a responsibility for the AP to be there each and every time it is welcome."

Colford says the AP has a photographer who lives within driving distance of Dover and is able to make it to the arrivals, no matter what time of day or night. As for the network news, it's not so simple; a night arrival means overtime pay for a union camera crew. And then there's the question of convenience.

"It seems that ... during the day, we get a higher level of media to come down," says Lt. Winter. "But a majority of our transfers occur in the early evening and overnight."

Forty American troops were killed in Afghanistan in September. For all of 2009, the number is 239 (at press time) — more than any other single year and more than died in 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004 combined.

With casualties mounting, the debate over U.S. policy in Afghanistan is sharp and heated. The number of arrivals at Dover is increasing. But the journalists who once clamored to show the true human cost of war are nowhere to be found.

NEWS

Rivers Casino rapped for costly grub, stingy slots

The North Side facility was predicted to be the state's most successful.

By JEREMY BOREN
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PITTSBURGH – A reputation for pricey food and tight slot machines may be dampening the enthusiasm some players had for Rivers Casino, some tour operators and gamblers say.

The North Side parlor was predicted to become Pennsylvania's most lucrative, but it posted the third-lowest revenue figures of the state's nine casinos in September, just six weeks after it recorded the third-most profitable opening day in the state.

To combat its drooping bottom line, Rivers has added large-group incentives, shuttle rides from Downtown hotels and a Gateway Clipper stop to attract tour buses carrying senior citizens and freebie-seeking gamblers.

Still, that hasn't shaken the perception among some that jackpots are scarce and food prices are high, said gambler Tony Biava, 58, of Mt. Pleasant.

"When you feel that you don't have even a chance of winning, you're not going to come back," said Biava, who visited three times and estimates he spent about 20 hours playing $1 slot machines.

He consistently lost and paid $18 for a glass of wine after a manager couldn't refund his money. He's not going back until the casino loosens the slots and lowers prices, he said.

"When they start losing players like me, all they're going to have left is the ladies on those penny machines, and that's not going to pay the bills."

So far, the casino's slots haven't paid out as much as some competitors. The casino returned 91.35 cents of every dollar fed to the slots in August and 91.67 cents in September. The Meadows in North Strabane posted a payout rate of 92.64 cents on the dollar in August and 92.12 in September.

The state-required minimum is 85 cents.

Rhonda Long, co-owner of 2 Sisters Travel in West Mifflin, said she has arranged about six bus trips a month with 35 to 55 senior citizens per bus to Rivers since it opened Aug. 9. Trips to The Meadows remain her top seller. People pay $19 to $22 to go, depending on the package.

"They said that they wished the (Rivers) buffet wasn't as expensive as it is," Long said.

Dinner at the Grandview Buffett is $24.95; lunch, $13.95. By comparison, Mountaineer Racetrack and Resort in Chester, W.Va., offers a seafood dinner buffet for $16.95 and a Tuesday lunch buffet for $4.99 at its Riverfront Marketplace. The West Virginia casino is about an hour's drive from Pittsburgh.

Another factor: group incentives. Rivers Casino gives $10 in slots play and $5 for food. The Meadows offers $15 in slots play and $5 for food. Wheeling Island Gaming Resort, about an hour's drive away, has started to offer $25 worth of incentives to large groups, Long said.

"That makes a difference to people," said Judy Cioppa, a tour planner with Myers Coach Lines. "We charge $22, so if they're giving you $25 at the casino, that's a free bus ride. The Rivers has been a little slower at coming along, but I think they will."

George Matta, a spokesman for Rivers Casino, acknowledged that casino officials at first thought such group incentives were not needed.

"That proved not to be true," Matta said.

He said the casino is not targeting one demographic over another with incentives, but he's pleased with an increase in the number of tour buses. The casino operator expected to make a slow start, he said.

"We are a total startup. Starting at zero. Some of our competitors had temporary facilities and then went to full capacity," he said. "Most of our employees are new to casinos."

According to figures Matta provided, 236 buses with 8,232 passengers visited the Rivers Casino in August, and 368 with 17,677 passengers came in September. He estimated 10,000 people visit the casino each day.

The Meadows averaged about 200 bus visits in August and September with 7,000 to 8,000 passengers each month, said spokesman David La Torre.

"Our incentives didn't increase when the Rivers opened, but rather they increased when we opened our new casino last April," La Torre said. The Meadows opened with a temporary facility in June 2007.

Patti Tumminello of Verona said she went to the opening night of Rivers Casino and enjoyed playing the slots and eating at West End Cafe so much that she tried to organize a bus trip for her flower and garden club.

She didn't get enough interest. She needed at least 43, but 20 people responded.

James Knox/For The Valley Independent

The virtual three-card poker game was hopping at 3:15 a.m. Aug. 19 – a Wednesday – at the Rivers Casino on the North Shore.

Rivers owners pay $2.3M toward new hockey arena

The casino wants its $7.5 million-per-year payment lowered.

By JEREMY BOREN
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PITTSBURGH – Owners of Rivers Casino wrote a $2.3 million check Thursday to begin paying for a portion of Pittsburgh's new hockey arena, one day after the enforcement arm of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board threatened sanctions if it did not pay.

"That action really told these guys that you have to come up with an agreement, and that there's consequences if you don't," said Sen. Sean Logan, D-Monroeville. "I applaud the Rivers Casino for stepping up in good faith and submitting a check."

As a condition of its state-granted license, casino owner Holdings Acquisition Co. must pay $7.5 million a year for 30 years to the Sports & Exhibition Authority, which is building the Consol Energy Center in Uptown.

Dan Fee, a spokesman for Rivers Casino, confirmed the payment. The SEA's executive director, Mary Conturo, could not be reached.

There's still work to be done, said Fee and Logan, a member of the SEA's five-member board of directors.

Lawyers representing the Rivers and SEA are trying to complete a formal agreement by next week to satisfy concerns the gambling board expressed in its complaint.

The two sides are haggling over requests by the casino to lower its annual $7.5 million payment if its taxes increase or if a second casino opens in Pittsburgh.

No other casinos are planned the city.

Those negotiations delayed Holdings Acquisition Co. from making its first $7.5 million payment by a Sept. 15 deadline agreed to by Detroit businessman Don Barden.

Barden ran out of money to construct the casino in 2008, and Chicago billionaire Neil Bluhm led an ownership group to take over its construction and operation.

"We remain optimistic that we are close to concluding our negotiations and stand ready, willing and able to sign a final agreement," Fee said.

The casino's owners and SEA officials have agreed to a modified pay schedule that relies on two payments a year. Rivers Casino will complete its first $7.5 million annual payment April 25 when it is required to pay $5.1 million.

After that, similarly sized payments will be due Oct. 1 and April 1 each year until 2038.

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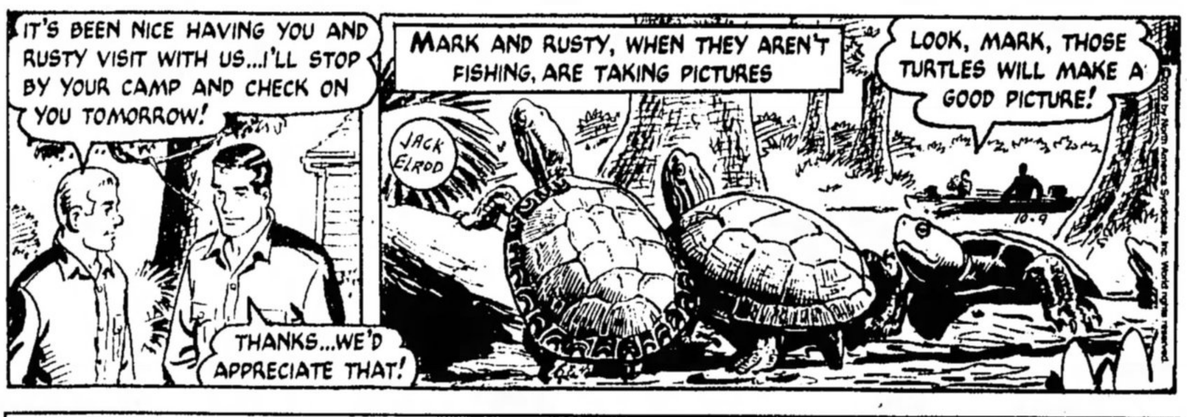
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THANKS...WE'D APPRECIATE THAT!
MARK AND RUSTY, WHEN THEY AREN'T FISHING, ARE TAKING PICTURES
JACK ELROD
LOOK, MARK, THOSE TURTLES WILL MAKE A GOOD PICTURE!

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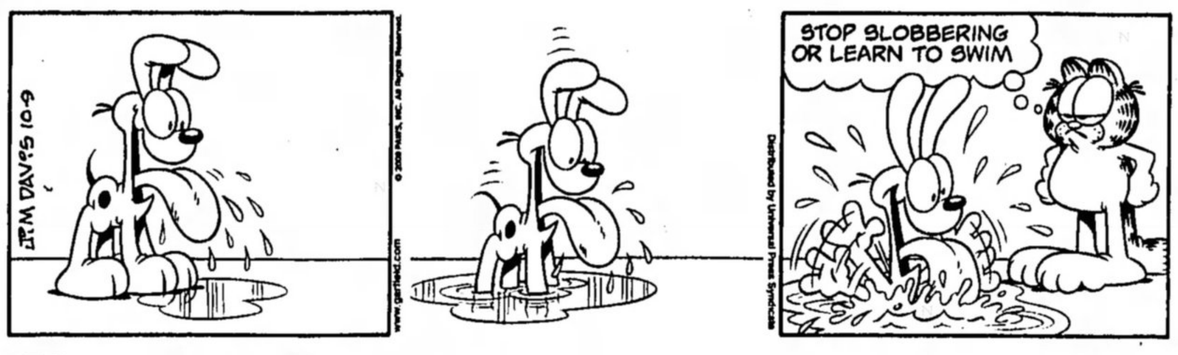

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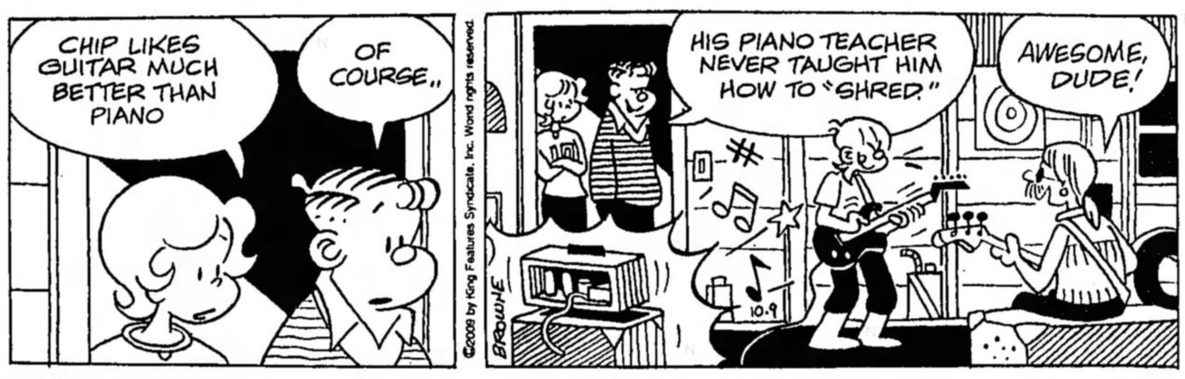
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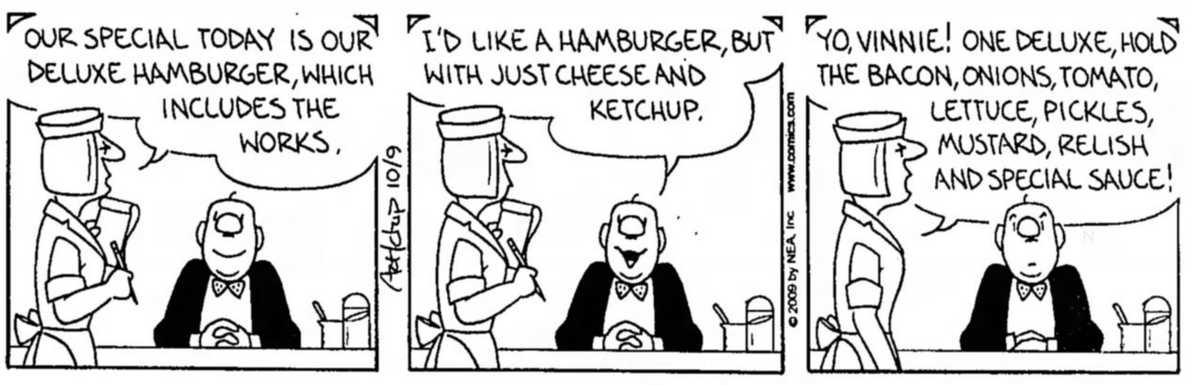
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YOU'RE KIDDING...!
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I'M SURPRISED HE DIDN'T COUNT THE NUMBER OF TIMES I SALTED MY STEAK
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44 Fix, as a copier
47 Wry face
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NEWS

Radio host wants pardon for executed S.C. ancestors

Tom Joyner believes his uncles were framed for murdering a white Confederate Army vet.

By SEANNA ADCOX
Associated Press Writer

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Nationally syndicated radio host Tom Joyner is asking South Carolina to posthumously pardon two of his great-uncles — black landowners executed in 1915 after being convicted of murdering an elderly Confederate Army veteran.

Joyner learned the fate of farmers Thomas and Meeks Griffin during filming of the PBS documentary "African American Lives 2," which first aired in February 2008 and was based on research by Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr.

The program traces the lineage of 12 people, including Joyner. The host of "The Tom Joyner Morning Show" said he was stunned to learn of his South Carolina roots and two great-uncles he didn't know existed.

"The records will show they did not do what they were executed for, and maybe now they can rest in peace," Joyner said from his Dallas studio.

He said a pardon would bring long-overdue justice, adding "I started trying to put myself in my great-uncles' position and tried to imagine what they must've been going through."

The Griffins were forced to sell their 130 acres to finance their defense. After they died in the electric chair on Sept. 29, 1915, Joyner's grandmother moved to Florida, where the family's known history begins.

"It's very unusual for stories like this to be passed down from generation to generation among African-Americans," Joyner said. "As a people, we don't like to pass along bad news about family."

Assolated Press

Radio personality Tom Joyner, shown during his morning talk show in Dallas earlier this week, is seeking a posthumous pardon from the state of South Carolina for two of his uncles – black men executed in 1915 after being convicted of murdering an elderly veteran of the Confederate Army.

In June 2008, Joyner, Gates and legal historian Paul Finkelman wrote Gov. Mark Sanford seeking a pardon. The case is scheduled Oct. 14 before the state's parole and pardon board.

If a pardon were granted, it would be South Carolina's first awarded posthumously in a capital murder case, said Pete O'Boyle, spokesman for the S.C. Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services.

Court documents show the Griffin brothers were executed with two other black men for the April 1913 shooting death of John Lewis, 73. Lewis was a wealthy veteran living in Blackstock, a Chester County town 40 miles north of Columbia.

The four were indicted July 6, 1913, and the trial began two days later. With only a day to prepare, defense attorney W.H. Newbold asked for a delay, but the request was denied. The state Supreme Court later deemed that denial insignificant.

Finkelman said such speedy trials were apparently once the norm and the quick trial wasn't necessarily racially motivated — but it was unfair.

Joyner believes his uncles were framed.

Records show police initially focused on Anna Davis, a black woman Lewis was reportedly intimate with. She and husband Bart Davis were arrested with their suitcases packed. But attention later shifted when Lewis' stolen pistol was traced to John "Monk" Stevenson, a small-time criminal who first said he got the gun from Bart Davis' brother.

He claimed he was only a lookout when Lewis was killed. In a plea deal that spared his life, Stevenson - who is also black - named the Griffin brothers and the two others and testified against them. He later received a life sentence.

According to sworn statements, Stevenson told people in jail the four men he implicated knew nothing of the crime, but he named them to save himself.

When appeals failed, Newbold asked the governor for a pardon hearing.

Some white residents in Chester County agreed.

More than 120 people signed a petition to then-Gov. Richard Manning declaring "grave doubts as to their guilt" and requesting a reduced sentence. The signatures included people identified as Blackstock's mayor, a former sheriff, two trial jurors and the grand jury foreman.

A former detective wrote that information was withheld from the defense, and that Stevenson also told him the four convicted had nothing to do with the murder.

Finkelman, an Albany Law School professor, called the petition astonishing. In his decades studying Southern history, this is the first time he's seen petitions signed by prominent white residents in support of a black man accused of murdering a white man.

Levi Johnston set to take it all off for national mag

Father of Sarah Palin's grandson agrees to pose nude for Playgirl.

By RACHEL D'ORO
Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Levi Johnston is going for the ultimate exposure — the 19-year-old father of Sarah Palin's grandchild will pose nude for *Playgirl,* his attorney said Wednesday.

To get ready for his close-up, Johnston is training three hours a day, six nights a week at an Anchorage gym with a local body builder.

A formal agreement hasn't been reached with the online magazine, but the photo shoot is a "foregone conclusion," said Johnston's attorney, Rex Butler.

Johnston fathered a son with Bristol, the 18-year-old daughter of Sarah Palin, the former Republican vice presidential candidate who resigned as Alaska's governor in July.

Publication of the photographs could be a source of embarrassment for Palin, often mentioned as a possible 2012 presidential candidate.

Her memoir, "Going Rogue," will be published next month and pre-sales already have made it a national best seller.

Just after Sen. John McCain chose Palin as his running mate in August 2008, Johnston was thrust into the national spotlight when Palin abruptly announced her unwed daughter was pregnant and the couple would marry.

The couple broke up after the birth of their son, Tripp, in December.

The relationship between the Palins and Johnston since then has often been strained, mostly over visitation issues.

Palin's representatives did not respond to a request for comment on the *Playgirl* job.

Johnston also has been marketing himself for a possible modeling or acting career, spending time in New York and Los Angeles.

His first TV commercial, hawking Wonderful brand pistachios, debuted this week.

No date has been set for the *Playgirl* photo shoot, but Butler expects the world will get a gander of the finished product by the end of the year.

Levi Johnston

Playgirl approached Johnston about posing in the buff, Butler said.

Playgirl spokesman Vincent Stevens couldn't immediately be reached for comment.

"We told him he would have to do what actors and actresses do," Butler said. "They get in the gym."

Johnston has been working out with Marvin Jones, a former "Mr. Alaska" competitor who has put the teenager on a low-carb, high-protein diet.

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Seniors ease opposition to health care overhaul

Opposition by older Americans fell from 59 percent in September to 43 percent now.

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The fever has broken. The patient is out of intensive care. But if you're President Barack Obama, you can't stop pacing the waiting room. Health care overhaul is still in guarded condition.

The latest Associated Press-GfK poll has found that opposition to Obama's health care remake dropped dramatically in just a matter of weeks.

Still, Americans remain divided over complex legislation that Democrats are advancing in Congress.

The public is split 40-40 on supporting or opposing the health care legislation, the poll found. An even split is welcome news for Democrats, a sharp improvement from September, when 49 percent of Americans said they opposed the congressional proposals and just 34 percent supported them.

Anger about health care boiled over during August. Lawmakers returning home for town hall meetings faced outcries that the government was trying to take over the system, ushering in higher costs, lower quality — even rationing and euthanasia.

"It's very significant that there's an upturn in support for the plans because after August there was a sense that the whole effort was beginning to decline and would not come back in terms of public support," said Robert Blendon, a Harvard professor who tracks public opinion on health care.

"Even with this," added Blendon, "the country is still divided over whether or not moving ahead is the right thing to do." A large number of Americans — 17 percent —say they neither support nor oppose the health legislation, suggesting many have unanswered questions.

Still, a shift has taken place. Behind it seems to be a growing determination among Democrats to move forward. Meanwhile, political independents don't appear as alarmed about the congressional proposals as they were just a few weeks ago. Still, opponents remain more passionate in their convictions than do supporters.

In a significant change, opposition among older Americans dropped 16 percentage points. Seniors have been concerned that Congress would stick them with the bill by cutting Medicare to pay for covering the uninsured. Among the most reliable voters, they were much more wary of the changes than the public as a whole. The gap has narrowed.

The poll found that 68 percent of Democrats support the congressional plans, up from 57 percent in early September. Opposition among independents plunged from 51 percent to 36 percent. However, only 29 percent of independents currently support the plans in Congress.

Among seniors, opposition fell from 59 percent in September to 43 percent now. Almost four in 10, 38 percent, now support it, compared with 31 percent in September.

Retiree Sandi Murray, 65, of Hesperia, Mich., said she doesn't have any concerns her Medicare coverage will suffer.

"I think it will be A-OK," she said.

Murray said she thinks it's time to address the problems of nearly 50 million people without coverage.

"We need to do something so that everybody has some amount of coverage for some reasonable amount of money," she said.

Republicans remain solidly against the congressional health care plans, with four out of five opposed. However, even 13 percent say they support the bills in Congress, a contrast with the mood of GOP lawmakers, who are all but unanimously opposed.

Americans overwhelmingly say it's important that health care legislation have the support of both parties, but Democrats are showing signs of impatience. Fifty-seven percent say Obama and the Democrats should pass a bill this year even if they are unable to win support from Republicans.

Blendon credits Obama's speech to Congress in early September and his blitz of media interviews and appearances since then for moving public opinion toward the positive column. What some have criticized as presidential hyperactivity, many Americans took as a sign that the president was taking ownership of the issue, Blendon said.

Before his prime-time speech to Congress, 52 percent disapproved of Obama's handling of health care. Now the public is split, with 48 percent approving and 47 percent disapproving.

"Getting more directly involved in the outcome is what people expect a president to be doing," said Blendon.

There's still deep skepticism that the government can fix the health care system to expand coverage and tamp down rising costs.

Andrew Newcomb, 28, who works in sales and lives near Destin, Fla., said he doesn't think taxpayers should have to take on the costs of covering the uninsured.

"I don't want my tax money to pay for some pill-popper to fake some injury and go to the hospital when I don't ever go to the hospital," said Newcomb, adding he can afford to go to the doctor and pay $60 for a checkup.

The congressional bills would require all Americans to get health insurance, either through an employer, through a government program or on their own. Tax credits would be offered for many of those who buy their own coverage but failure to comply could result in a fine.

"I don't think that the government should supply health care to the people," said Newcomb.

The AP-GfK poll was conducted Oct. 1-5, based on a nationally representative sample of 1,003 adults age 18 or older, contacted by telephone on land lines and cell phones.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.1 percentage points for results based on the entire sample.

Senior Snapshot

Joan Zimmerman Tedrow, 78, of California, Pa., said her most memorable historic moment was hearing about the bombing of Pearl Harbor over the radio. Tedrow, who was 10 at the time, heard the news at her family's restaurant, Zimmerman's Lunch, which formerly was located in downtown Monessen.

Joan Zimmerman Tedrow

Read each Friday as older Valley residents recall the most memorable moments in their lives.

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Here's a rundown on activities scheduled at local senior centers next week:

BROWNSVILLE

Monday – Center closed for Columbus Day.

Tuesday – 10, ceramics, 10:30, skat and socializing; 1, bingo.

Wednesday – 10:30, games and socializing; 11, speaker from Albert Gallatin; 11:15, sit 'n fit exercise class; 11:45, wild pill drawing and lucky five drawing; 1, bowling and bingo.

Thursday – 10:30, skat and socializing; 12:30-1, flu shots; 12:30, cards and bingo.

Friday – 10, skat, pokeno and socializing; 1, bingo.

CENTER ON THE HILL

Monday – 10:30, bingo, 11, canasta; 12:45, euchre; 6:30, pinochle.

Tuesday – 9:30, video exercise; 10:30, bingo; 11, crafts; 11:30, "Be Prepared"-PrimeTime Health; 1, card club; pinochle; 7, euchre.

Wednesday – 10:30, bingo, Bible study; 1, country jam session.

Thursday – 9:30, video exercise; 10:30, bingo; 7-10, Halloween dance with Sound of Country Band with Eddie Ford, costumes optional.

Friday – 10:30, bingo.

RIVERSIDE PLACE (CHARLEROI)

Monday – 8:30, fitness room; 9, dance town; 10, exercise for arthritis; 11:30, bingo; 1, darts; 4:45, zumba; Wii, jigsaw puzzles.

Tuesday – 8:30, fitness room; 9, dance town; 11, blood pressures; 11:30, bingo; jigsaw puzzles; Wii (video games); 5, yoga classes.

Wednesday – 8:30, fitness room; 9, dance town; 11, "Flu" with Unison, silver sneakers; 11:30, bingo; noon, blood pressures; 1, big bingo, Wii; jigsaw puzzles; 7, MV Community Band rehearsals.

Thursday – 8:30, fitness room; dance town; 10, exercise for arthritis; 11:30, bingo; Wii; jigsaw puzzles; 1, darts.

Friday – 8-10, fried dough; 8:30, fitness room; 9, dance town; 11, Donnie Cameron, country singer; 11:30, bingo; jigsaw puzzles; Wii.

DONORA

Monday – 10, line dancing; 11, "Be Prepared"-PrimeTime Health; 11-1, blood pressures; 11:45, bingo; 1, bingo.

Tuesday – 11:45, bingo; 1, cards and pokeno, bingo.

Wednesday – 9-noon, flu shots; 10, beginners' line dancing; 11:45, bingo.

Thursday – 11:45, bingo; 1, cards and pokeno.

Friday – 11:45, bingo.

MONONGAHELA

Monday – 11:30, bingo; 1, cards; jigsaw puzzles.

Tuesday – 9, crafts; 11:30, bingo; 1:30, bingo; 1, cards, darts; jigsaw puzzles; 6, Thursday evening social.

Wednesday – dominoes, 11:30, bingo; 1, low impact exercise, cards; jigsaw puzzles.

Thursday – 10:45, Halloween bingo-Albert Gallatin; 11:30, bingo; 1, cards; jigsaw puzzles; 6, Thursday night social.

Friday – 11, "Rush-Don't Hurry"-Carl Stopperich, Washington Co. Drug and Alcohol Commission; 11:30, bingo; 1, cards, jigsaw puzzles.

PERRYOPOLIS

Monday – 9, poker club, card club; 10, healthy steps; 11, "Rush-Don't Hurry," with Carl Stopperich, Washington Co. Drug and Alcohol Commission; 1, cards and table games; jigsaw puzzles.

Tuesday – 8, walking; 10, sing along, pinochle, singalong; 1, pickin and grinning; jigsaw puzzles.

Wednesday – 8, walking; 9:30, bingo, jigsaw puzzles; 11:15, "Be Prepared"-PrimeTime Health.

Thursday – 8, walking; 9, ceramics; 10, healthy steps; 1, crafts; jigsaw puzzles.

Friday – 8, walking; 9:30, bingo; 11, "Laughter"-with Michelle-Hospice; jigsaw puzzles.

SENIOR CENTER MENUS

Here's a look at lunch menus for local senior citizen centers for next week:

Center on the Hill, Donora, Monongahela Perryopolis and Riverside Place

Monday – Beef ravioli
Tuesday – Baked chicken
Wednesday – Pot roast
Thursday – Philly cheese steak
Friday – Salisbury steak with gravy

Monessen and West Newton

Monday – Open face hot turkey sandwich with gravy
Tuesday – Roast beef barbecue
Wednesday – Knockwurst
Thursday – Chicken and cheese Fajita
Friday – Stuffed cabbage

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Friday, October 23
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Education Conference Center

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1 p.m.
Mon-Vale HealthPLEX
WillowPointe Plaza
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- Simple ways to achieve fitness and health benefits
- Low fat nutrition tips and
- Stress management.

Cooking demonstrations will be included as part of the presentations.

For more information or to register, call **724-258-1320**.

MVH Monongahela Valley Hospital HEALTH CARE

Age bias bill responds to court ruling

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats want to counter a recent Supreme Court ruling that makes it harder for older workers to prove they are the victims of age discrimination.

The Senate Judiciary Committee heard testimony earliker this week on a bill that would effectively nullify a high court decision that changed the interpretation of age bias laws.

The high court said it is not enough for employees to show age is a motivating factor in a demotion or layoff. Rather, workers must prove it is the deciding factor.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, a Vermont Democrat, says that sets the bar too high for discrimination victims.

Among those who testified Wednesday was the plaintiff in the case - Jack Gross, who had been employed by an insurance company in West Des Moines, Iowa.

When you come home ...

When submitting Valley on Vacation photographs, please list the community of your residence and the communities of residence of everyone featured in your vacation photograph. In addition, print your telephone number on the back of the photograph, just in case we have any questions.

Angels shut out Red Sox

L.A. took the lead in its series with a 5-0 win while the Rockies got even and the Dodgers went up 2-0 against the Cardinals. **4B**

Valley SPORTS

College Gridiron report

Lots of information about the top teams in the nation in this week's one-page edition. **2B**

Americans take lead

Thanks to its best players, the U.S. took the early lead over the Internationals in the Presidents Cup. **4B**

Sports Trivia

Name the three Penn State players to be Detroit Lions' first round draft picks? **4B**

Last night's scores

Anaheim 6, Boston 1
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New Jersey 4, Tampa Bay 3, SO
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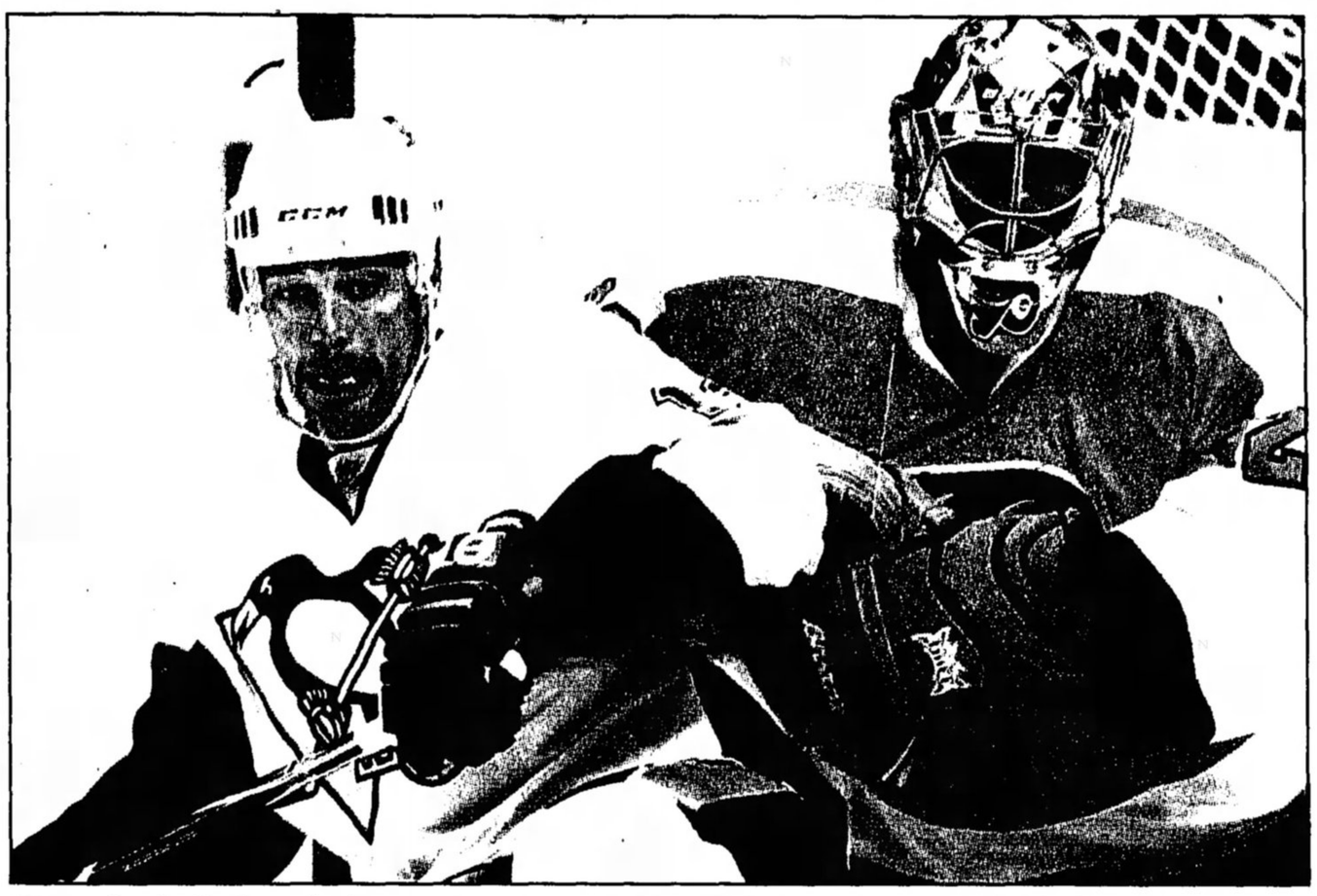

Penguins' Bill Guerin looks for a pass in front of Philadelphia goalie Ray Emery during third period action.

Pens hand Flyers first defeat of season, 5-4

Goligoski, Guerin goals gave team the cushion it needed agains rivals.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Alex Goligoski said it was the easiest goal of his young career — and for good reason.

Goligoski and Bill Guerin scored midway through the second period to help the Pittsburgh Penguins hand the Philadelphia Flyers their first loss of the season, 5-4 on Thursday night.

Guerin scored on a breakaway off a cross-ice pass from Chris Kunitz to break a 2-2 tie at 5:26 of the period. The Penguins never trailed after that.

Goligoski, who also had an assist, made it 4-2 at 8:08 when Philadelphia defenseman Braydon Coburn, pressured by Ruslan Fedotenko, failed to clear his dump-in and the puck bounced into the net off goaltender Ray Emery's skate. Goligoski was credited with the goal since he was the last Penguin to touch the puck.

"It certainly was the easiest goal of my career considering that I didn't even touch it," Goligoski, a second-year defenseman, said.

"It was kind of just a weird play," Coburn explained. "I was trying to go behind the net to Kimmo Timonen and the puck just popped out and hit somebody in the leg or something."

Evgeni Malkin, who also had an assist, Jordan Staal and Tyler Kennedy scored for the Penguins, who were coming off their first loss of the season, 3-0 to Phoenix on Wednesday.

Goligoski, who was Pittsburgh's second-round draft choice in 2004, said he really enjoys playing against the Flyers.

"It's always a more intense game and Philadelphia's always a lot of fun to play against," he explained. "The crowd is always into it and these games always seem to be a lot different."

Danny Briere and Jeff Carter both scored twice for the Flyers, who missed a chance to start the season 4-0 for the first time since 1995-96.

Carter's second goal came with the Flyers skating with the extra attacker with 41 seconds left.

This was the teams' first meeting since the Penguins overcame a 3-0 deficit to eliminate the Flyers with a 5-3 victory in Game 6 of the Eastern Conference quarterfinals.

"They're the Stanley Cup champions and you want to try to put your best foot forward and beat them," Flyers coach John Stevens said. "We've got work to do."

The intensity level remained the same as last season when the teams finished 2-2-2 with the Flyers holding the edge in goals, 21-20, and shots, 168-166.

"It's pretty typical for our two teams," Pittsburgh captain Sydney Crosby explained. "We've all kind of become accustomed to that. With the history of playing each other in the playoffs, that adds to it, too. It's always an intense, emotional game."

Pittsburgh's Marc-Andre Fleury had 30 saves to improve his record to 3-0. He preserved the lead midway through the second period when he stopped point-blank shots from Mike Richards and Mika Pyorala.

Emery, who lost for the first time, made 20 saves.

Carter scored from the slot with the Flyers skating with a two-man advantage at 16:59, but Kennedy redirected Matt Cooke's shot at 8:37 of the third period to make it 5-3.

Malkin put the Penguins ahead on a power play 48 seconds into the game when he threaded a long one-timer through traffic from inside the blue line.

Briere tied it at 11:53 when he poked in a pass from Coburn, but Pittsburgh regained the lead 28 seconds later on a breakaway by Staal, who went backhand to forehand and scored.

Briere scored again from the side of the net to tie the game at 2:37 of the second period when his shot nicked off Cooke.

"Every time you play Philadelphia it's a statement game," Penguins coach Dan Bylsma said. "That's the rivalry that we have. I know that they were coming in to make a statement as well and we responded well from last night."

At midway, few have playoff look

Cal, Monessen and Charleroi look like area's best bets for post-season play.

By BRIAN HERMAN
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Making the WPIAL playoffs is the main goal of most football teams.

With the 2009 season at the midway point, only three of the area's nine teams are looking like post-season possibilities.

Charleroi in Class AA and Monessen and California in Class A appear to be the best bets to be playing a meaningful playoff game on the first weekend of November.

The top four teams in each conference advance to the playoffs.

Here's how the races shape up for the second half of the season in the area conferences.

CLASS AAA
BIG 7 CONFERENCE

With no conference wins, neither Belle Vernon Area nor Ringgold are in good positions.

The Leps face a must-win situation tonight at Trinity before home games with Ringgold and Elizabeth Forward sandwiched around a trip to unbeaten Thomas Jefferson.

The Rams are home with unbeaten Chartiers Valley tonight before going to BVA and Trinity around a home game with West Mifflin.

Elizabeth, which has one conference win, goes to TJ tonight before hosting Chartiers Valley and going to BVA on the last two Fridays of the season.

Chartiers Valley, TJ and West Mifflin figure to land three of the berths with the Leps, Rams, Warriors and Hillers battling for the other spot.

Trinity goes to West Mifflin before closing with the Rams.

KEYSTONE CONFERENCE

After beating Derry, a loss to Albert Gallatin didn't help Yough's chances.

The Cougars have a tough home test with front-running Greensburg Salem tonight before going to Uniontown and winding up at home with winless Southmoreland.

Greensburg Salem, Uniontown and Laurel Highlands are considered the three favorites with Yough, Albert Gallatin and Derry eyeing the remaining spot.

Albert Gallatin has games at Southmoreland and Derry sandwiched around a home game with Laurel Highlands.

Derry has games at Laurel Hioghlands and Greensburg around a home game with Albert Gallatin.

CLASS AA
INTERSTATE CONFERENCE

Once-beaten Charleroi's upset win at defending champion Jeannette put the Cougars in a good spot.

The Cougars, however, still have two tough home games with once-beaten McGuffey next Friday and unbeaten Mt. Pleasant on the final Friday around tonight's home game with Waynesburg and a trip to Washington.

Mt. Pleasant has only one test left before Charleroi, getting Jeannette at home the previous week.

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Steelers defensive about late game woes

World champs have been unusually charitable during the fourth quarter.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — One sight you'll won't see on the Pittsburgh Steelers' sideline: The players mimicking those high school and college teams that hold up four fingers as a game winds down, signifying the fourth quarter belongs to them.

The Steelers (2-2) have faltered repeatedly in the fourth quarter this season, and it's probably their biggest concern one-quarter of the way through a season in which their defense has yet to play up to its reputation.

The Steelers have struggled without safety Troy Polamalu.

Last season, the Steelers allowed only 75 points in the fourth quarter — less than a touchdown per game. That shutdown ability when games often are decided permitted them to rally and win late in the fourth quarter six times, and again in the Super Bowl against Arizona.

This season, the Pittsburgh defense can't seem to get off the field when it counts. The Steelers have allowed up 48 points in the fourth, 21 to the Chargers on Sunday night. The Bears and Bengals beat them with drives late in the fourth, and the Chargers gave them a scare before losing 38-28 in a game the Steelers led 28-0.

This isn't the defense that Pittsburgh is accustomed to playing with Dick LeBeau as its coordinator —and it's not entirely because the Steelers are lacking All-Pro safety Troy Polamalu. He has missed the last three games and could miss a fourth Sunday in Detroit because of a torn medial collateral ligament in his right knee.

Polamalu did not practice with the Steelers regulars Wednesday or Thursday, a strong sign he won't play in Detroit.

While not having Polamalu is a major disadvantage to what was the NFL's best defense the last two seasons, it doesn't explain all those faulty fourth quarters.

"It's one thing here, one thing there," defensive end Aaron Smith said. "It's just a lack of focusing on the small details, I think. Part of it is making plays. This is the NFL and there are teams that are making plays."

The Steelers defense has not been one of those units, at least during the fourth quarter. They have yet to give up a point in the first quarter, when they've outscored teams 31-0, and they've allowed only 30 points combined in the second and third quarters.

Once the fourth quarter arrives, offenses begin to solve them.

"It's still a work in progress," safety Ryan Clark said. "But Chicago, Cincinnati, you tell me what big play they made on those drives? What amazing things did they do? There's nothing that anyone's doing to us. We just need to make some stops."

The pass rush also hasn't been what it was a season ago. LaMarr Woodley, who had 11 1/2 sacks during the season and six more in the playoffs, doesn't have a sack. Turnovers are down, too; the Steelers have forced only three, compared to nine through four games a season ago.

According to Woodley, LeBeau is trying to find new wrinkles or a previously unused blitz that might make a difference.

"Every week is something different with coach LeBeau," Woodley said.

With the Lions (1-3) and Browns (0-4) up the next two weeks, the Steelers might realistically expect that the fourth quarter won't make a

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Two Vulcans eye former team

Marc Domonkos, Kyle Crane played at L. Haven.

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Domonkos

Crane

For most members of California University's football team, Saturday's 6 p.m. contest at Lock Haven will be just another PSAC West game.

That's not the case for two Vulcans, however.

Junior Marc Domonkos and redshirt junior Kyle Crane are in their first seasons with Cal after transferring from Lock Haven,

Domonkos, who's the Vulcans' fourth leading scorer with 22 points after replacing Kevin Hagerman as the place-kicker in the third game, played two years at Lock Haven.

A Bishop McCort High product from Johnstown, Domonkos kicked four of nine field goals in 2006 as a freshman and nine of 13 field goals in 2007. He didn't play in 2008.

With the Vulcans, Domonkos has made three of four field goals and converted all 13 extra points.

He hit a 33-yarder in the 52-10 win over Gannon and made 37 and 34 yarders in last week's 41-28 win at Indiana.

A McKeesport High graduate Crane is listed as the No. 2 cornerback behind graduate student Mike Brown.

He's a special teams' standout and has made four tackles, including three solos in four games

In 2006, Crane played 10 games for the Bald Eagles where he had two interceptions and 24 tackles, including 12 solos.

Despite Lock Haven's 16-game losing streak, California coach John Luckhardt isn't overlooking the Bald Eagles.

"We have to come to play," he said. "Their kids play hard. We struggled in the first half the last time there."

He was referring to a 27-3 victory in 2007 when the Vulcans led 10-3 at intermission after spotting the Bald Eagles a 3-0 lead on Domonkos' 25-yard field goal.

"I'm aware it's a trap game after playing at Indiana last week and getting Edinboro next week," noted Luckhardt. "We're going to have to create our own emotion."

The Vulcans are riding a four-game winning streak, averaging 39 points.

Josh Portis has thrown 14 touchdown passes with no interceptions over the last 15 quarters.

With 15 touchdown passes, Portis leads the conference.

AJ Jackson has 34 receptions for 471 yards and nine touchdowns followed by Terrance Moore (20 receptions for 321 yards and five scores) and Chedrick Cherry (12 receptions for 269 yards and two scores). Josh Gumbert and Blake Williamson have the other TD catches.

LEFTOVERS: Belle Vernon Area's senior wide receiver Nick Keefer has one catch for four yards and one kick return for eight yards for Lock Haven. Last year Keefer was the team's leading kick returner with 509 yards on 26 kicks. The Bald Eagles have been outscored 84-0 in the first half and have scored only three touchdowns. Cherry leads the conference in kick returns with a 34.8 yard average.

Buckeye state — or Bearcat state?

Angry OSU fans look up at Cincinnati in AP poll

By RUSTY MILLER
AP Sports Writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Unlike powerhouse programs such as Oklahoma, Texas, Florida, Southern California and Michigan, Ohio State football has had no peers within its borders.

The Buckeyes haven't lost to an in-state rival in 88 years. Even though Ohio has eight Football Bowl Subdivision teams, there's no question who the top dog is in interest, attendance or talent.

But Ohio State's lofty perch on its scarlet and gray pedestal was shaken this week when the Associated Press Top 25 came out. Right there, in black and white, was Ohio State at No. 9 — and Cincinnati at No. 8.

On the Big East coaches call this week, UC coach Brian Kelly made light of the question of who would win a Battle for the Buckeye State.

"You settle these questions on the field. They're all hypothetical, so who knows?" he said. "Ohio State doesn't play Cincinnati, though my son played (them) in PlayStation the other day, and Cincinnati won 91-0. So maybe we can use that."

Eight-year-old Kenzel Kelly was rewarded for engineering the decisive victory.

"I promptly took him out to McDonald's," Kelly cracked.

Almost immediately after the poll came out, radio talk shows in Columbus were flooded with outraged fans. On Twitter, blogs and Web sites, proud Ohio Staters called the rankings a travesty. They pointed out that the Buckeyes have met the Bearcats on the field three times this decade and have won all three by an average score of 29-11.

Meanwhile, Cincinnati followers chortled over the mega-university in the middle of the state getting knocked down a peg. They pointed out that it took two dropped passes in the end zone by Bearcats receivers in the final minute for the Buckeyes to even get out of the Queen City with a 23-19 win in 2002. Then again, those Buckeyes went on to win the national championship — something the Bearcats have never even come close to doing in football.

True to form, Ohio State coach Jim Tressel sidestepped the debate.

"Well, it reminds you that there's good players in Ohio," he said of UC's ascension above his team. "Outside of our conference, (the Bearcats) are probably our next favorite group."

There hasn't been much of a debate until now.

> "My son played (them) in PlayStation the other day, and Cincinnati won 91-0."
>
> Cincinnati coach Brian Kelly

Cincinnati is ranked ahead of the Buckeyes for the first time in 58 years. The Bearcats were No. 20 and Ohio State unranked on Nov. 21, 1951.

No Ohio team had risen above Ohio State in the AP poll since Bowling Green was No. 25 and the Buckeyes were unranked on Nov. 13, 2004.

"That's just college football," Ohio State defensive lineman Todd Denlinger said. "I don't know how these things are voted upon or how it's all looked at, but if we just keep getting better I think by the end of the year we'll be where we want to be."

The Bearcats are idle this week, while the Buckeyes are preparing for a showdown at home Saturday against unbeaten Wisconsin.

The margin between the teams in this week's AP poll was a measly 10 points. The media poll has no bearing on the Bowl Championship Series and who the teams might meet in bowl games. The coaches and Harris polls each have Cincinnati behind the Buckeyes.

Should Cincinnati remain an in-state rival with Ohio State, no one knows what the effect might be on recruiting for the many blue-chippers in the state. Maybe the next on-field meeting might tell more.

The teams don't play again until 2012 — a game that Ohio State reportedly paid $1 million to move from Cincinnati to Ohio Stadium. A return match will be in 2014, again in Columbus.

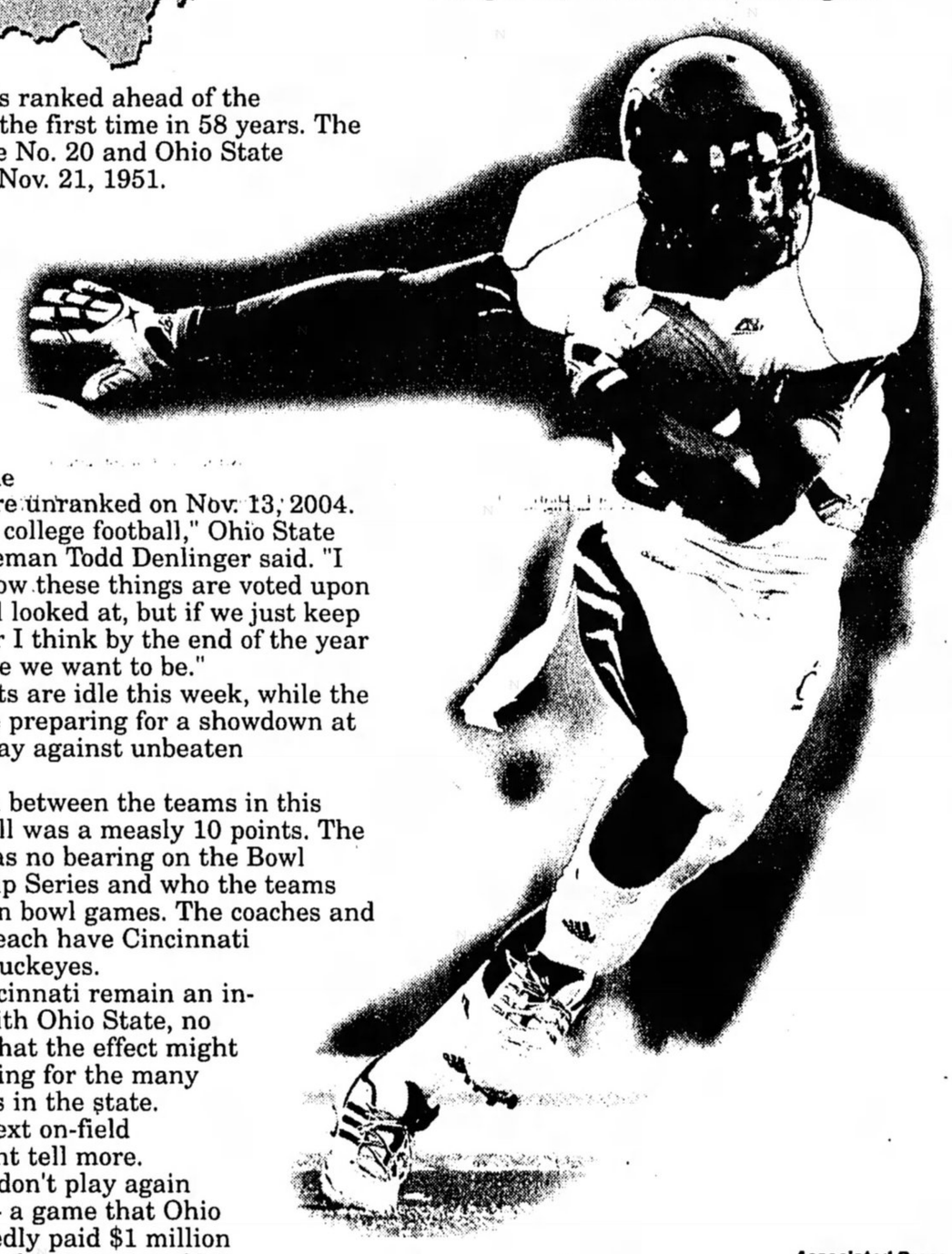
"By that time, hopefully we can continue to accelerate our program so Ohio State has something to gain by playing us," Kelly said. "In years past, it's been such that Ohio State has everything to lose; they're supposed to beat Cincinnati. So it hasn't really been an equal footing. If we continue to win, continue to play at a high level, it makes for an exciting matchup. But before this, it wasn't much of a matchup."

Buckeyes punter Jon Thoma discounted the polls.

"It's all what people see, what they think. Who knows who's better?" he said. "But we'd be confident in a matchup with them."

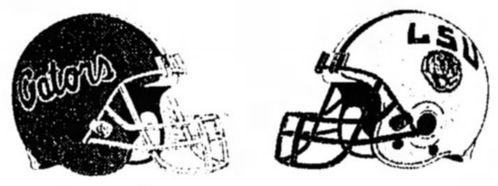
One reporter jokingly proposed a showdown at a neutral site in Ohio, after the regular season and before the bowls.

"Bring it on," Thoma said with a grin.



Associated Press

Cincinnati running back Isaiah Pead grew up in Columbus, broke Archie Griffin's rushing records at his high school there and chose Cincinnati over Ohio State. Pead said this week that the Bearcats are the state's best team right now and would win a head-to-head game.



Game of the Week

No. 1 Florida at No. 4 LSU, 8 p.m. Saturday on CBS. SEC supremacy will be on the line when the Tigers host the Gators in Baton Rouge. Somebody's streak will end as Florida has won 14 in a row and LSU has won 32 straight Saturday night games.

Spotlight Games

No. 3 Alabama at No. 20 Mississippi, 3:30 p.m. Saturday on CBS. The Rebels, who were ranked fourth in the nation last month, will challenge a Crimson Tide team that is second in the country in total defense.

Stanzi

Michigan at No. 12 Iowa, 8 p.m. Saturday on ABC. Ricky Stanzi is hoping to lead the Hawkeyes to their first 5-0 start since 1985. Michigan is coming off its first loss of the season, in overtime to Michigan State.

Area Teams

Saturday

Eastern Illinois at No. 14 Penn State, noon, ESPN Classic.

West Virginia at Syracuse, noon.

Connecticut at Pittsburgh 3:30 p.m., ABC.

QB Ratings

Notre Dame's Jimmy Clausen is the top-ranked quarterback in the nation, with Pitt's Bill Stull moving up to fifth.

Jimmy Clausen, Notre Dame	179.3
Kellen Moore, Boise State	175.3
Tim Tebow, Florida	170.3
Blaine Gabbert, Missouri	168.6
Bill Stull, Pitt	167.5
Greg McElroy, Alabama	165.5
G.J. Kinne, Tulsa	161.7
Chris Todd, Auburn	160.8
Andy Dalton, TCU	160.6
Greg Alexander, Hawaii	160.0

Quotable

"We don't need to make miraculous plays — just normal plays."

Tennessee coach Lane Kiffin after Saturday's 26-22 loss to Auburn.

FSU president: Bowden safe — for now

By BRENT KALLESTAD
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida State University president T.K. Wetherell says coach Bobby Bowden's job is safe for now.

Wetherell said the football coaching situation will be re-evaluated at the end of the season. He reiterated that offensive coordinator Jimbo Fisher will be the next head coach when Bowden leaves and the university will work with Fisher on an agreement.

"FSU does not make coaching changes in the middle of the season," Wetherell said this week in a news release. "What message would it send to anyone — friend or foe — to do that at this time?"

Bowden said he appreciated Wetherell's backing.

"I think he's wise and I'm very thankful," Bowden said. "You would like to go out on top. The season is not over. Let's get the season over and see what happens."

Bowden has repeatedly indicated he plans to coach through the 2010 season. Fisher's present contract calls for the school to pay him $5 million if he is not the head coach by January 2011.

Although many boosters and fans have become disgruntled with the slide of the program, Wetherell made it clear he is sticking by the 79-year-old Bowden. The Seminoles (2-3, 0-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) are off to their slowest start since Bowden's first year at the helm in 1976.

"His character and commitment to excellence has always been the signature of his career," said Wetherell, a receiver at Florida State when Bowden was an assistant at the school in the mid-1960s.

"Two years ago coach Bowden and I, and others, stood together and announced that we were beginning a period of transition for the football program," Wetherell said. "That plan is in place and will produce results, given the opportunity and support."

Wetherell's statement, however, left the door open for Bowden to retire at the end of the season.

"Any coach can choose to retire at any time," Wetherell said. "However, it is the athletics director's responsibility to determine which coaches are hired and which contracts are extended."

Bowden's tenure came under fire this week after the chairman of the university's trustees, Jim Smith, said the coaching staff was in disarray and Bowden should leave after this season. Those comments came on the heels of two Florida newspapers, including Bowden's hometown Tallahassee Democrat, saying it was time for the coach to hand over the reins to Fisher.

Bowden's 384 coaching victories are second all-time only to Penn State's Joe Paterno among major college coaches.

SPORTS

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	4	3	1	0	6	14	10
Philadelphia	4	3	1	0	6	17	12
Pittsburgh	4	3	1	0	6	12	12
New Jersey	3	1	2	0	2	8	11
N.Y. Islanders	2	0	0	2	2	5	7

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	3	2	1	0	4	7	8
Montreal	4	2	2	0	4	10	15
Buffalo	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Boston	3	1	2	0	2	9	12
Toronto	3	0	2	1	1	8	12

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	4	2	1	1	5	18	15
Atlanta	2	2	0	0	4	10	5
Carolina	3	1	2	0	2	4	10
Florida	2	1	1	0	2	4	7
Tampa Bay	3	0	1	2	2	7	12

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	2	2	0	0	4	6	4
Columbus	3	2	1	0	4	10	10
St. Louis	3	2	1	0	4	11	10
Chicago	3	1	1	1	3	9	7
Detroit	3	1	2	0	2	9	11

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	4	4	0	0	8	17	12
Colorado	3	2	1	0	4	10	5
Edmonton	3	1	1	1	3	11	12
Minnesota	3	1	2	0	2	8	11
Vancouver	4	1	3	0	2	13	14

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	3	2	1	0	4	15	13
Phoenix	3	2	1	0	4	10	5
San Jose	4	2	2	0	4	16	15
Anaheim	3	1	1	1	3	10	8
Dallas	2	0	0	2	2	6	8

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Thursday's Games

Anaheim 6, Boston 1
Buffalo 2, Phoenix 1
Ottawa 3, N.Y. Islanders 2, OT
Pittsburgh 5, Philadelphia 4
N.Y. Rangers 4, Washington 3
New Jersey 4, Tampa Bay 3, SO
Detroit 3, Chicago 2
Atlanta 4, St. Louis 2
Nashville 3, Colorado 2
Calgary 4, Edmonton 3, SO
Los Angeles 6, Minnesota 3
San Jose 6, Columbus 3

Today's Games

Florida at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Calgary, 9 p.m.

Penguins summary

Pittsburgh	2	2	1	-	5
Philadelphia	1	2	1	-	4

First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Malkin 2 (Gonchar, Letang), :48 (pp). 2, Philadelphia, Briere 2 (Coburn, Carter), 11:53. 3, Pittsburgh, Staal 1 (Malkin), 12:21. Penalties—Briere, Phi (hooking), :14; Adams, Pit, major (fighting), 1:19; Laperriere, Phi, major (fighting), 1:19; Malkin, Pit (hooking), 5:13; Fedotenko, Pit (roughing), 16:50; Malkin, Pit (roughing, holding), 16:50; Asham, Phi (roughing), 16:50; Carle, Phi (holding), 16:50.

Second Period—4, Philadelphia, Briere 3 (Carter, Timonen), 2:37 (pp). 5, Pittsburgh, Guerin 1 (Kunitz, Goligoski), 5:26. 6, Pittsburgh, Goligoski 1, 8:08. 7, Philadelphia, Carter 3 (Richards, Pronger), 16:59 (pp). Penalties—Kunitz, Pit (tripping), 1:17; Carle; Phi (holding), 6:09; Malkin, Pit (interference), 7:37; Crosby, Pit (tripping), 16:08; Staal, Pit (slashing), 16:39.

Third Period—8, Pittsburgh, Kennedy 2 (Cooke), 8:37. 9, Philadelphia, Carter 4 (Richards, Carle), 19:19. Penalties—Carle, Phi (tripping), 9:01; Coburn, Phi (tripping), 10:09; Orpik, Pit (interference), 13:01; Kunitz, Pit, misconduct, 19:58; Letang, Pit (roughing), 19:58; Pronger, Phi, misconduct, 19:58; Hartnell, Phi (roughing), 19:58; Richards, Phi (goaltender interference), 19:58.

Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 10-6-9—25. Philadelphia 12-11-11—34.

Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh 1 of 5; Philadelphia 2 of 7.

Goalies—Pittsburgh, Fleury 3-0-0 (34 shots-30 saves). Philadelphia, Emery 3-1-0 (25-20).

A—19,611 (19,537). T—2:37.

Referees—Eric Furlatt, Dean Morton. Linesmen—Don Henderson, Jean Morin.

Big East standings

	Conf. W	Conf. L	Overall W	Overall L
Cincinnati	1	0	5	0
USF	1	0	5	0
Pittsburgh	1	0	4	1
Connecticut	0	0	3	1
West Virginia	0	0	3	1
Rutgers	0	1	3	1
Syracuse	0	1	2	3
Louisville	0	1	1	3

Saturday

West Virginia at Syracuse, noon (Big East Network)

Texas Southern at Rutgers, 3:30 p.m.

Connecticut at Pittsburgh, 3:30 p.m. (ABC)

Southern Mississippi at Louisville, 7:30 p.m. (ESPNU)

PSAC football

West Division

	Conf. W	Conf. L	Overall W	Overall L
Edinboro	3	0	5	1
California	3	0	4	2
Clarion	3	1	4	3
Slippery Rock	2	2	5	2
Mercyhurst	2	1	3	3
Indiana	0	3	3	3
Gannon	0	3	2	4
Lock Haven	0	3	0	5

Thursday

Clarion 27, Slippery Rock 10

Saturday

Noon - Gannon at Mercyhurst
2 p.m. - Edinboro at Indiana
6 p.m. - California at Lock Haven

Baseball playoffs

National League

Thursday

Colorado 5, Philadelphia 2, series tied 1-1

Los Angeles 3, St. Louis 2, LA leads series, 2-0

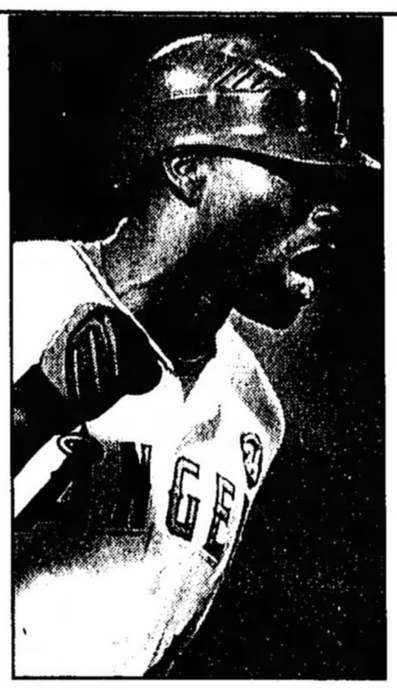
American League

Thursday

Los Angeles 5, Boston 0, LA leads series 1-0

Today

Minnesota (Blackburn 11-11) at New York (Burnett 13-9), 6:07 p.m.



Torii Hunter and the L.A. Angels take on Boston in Game 2 of their playoff series at 9:30 p.m. on WTBS.

Boston (Beckett 17-6) at Los Angeles (Weaver 16-8), 9:37 p.m.

Sports dial

Today

Television

2 p.m. - Golf Channel - Presidents Cp, golf.

2 p.m. - ESPN2 - Italy vs Hungary, soccer.

6 p.m. - WTBS - Minnesota at New York Yankees, baseball.

8 p.m. - ESPN2 - Indiana at Phoenix, women's pro basketball.

9 p.m. - ESPN - Louisiana Tech at Nevada, college football.

9:30 p.m. - WTBS - Boston at Los Angeles Angels, baseball.

Radio

6 p.m. - WEAE (1250) - Minnesota at New York Yankees, baseball.

7 p.m. - WJPA (1450) - Belle Vernon Area at Trinity, high school football.

7 p.m. - KQV (1410) - Central Catholic at Penn Hills, high school football.

7:30 p.m. - WLSW (103.9 FM) - Brownsville at Mt. Pleasant, high school football.

7:30 p.m. - WJAS (1320) - Elizabeth Forward at Thomas Jefferson, high school football.

7:30 p.m. - WMBS (590) - West Mifflin at Uniontown, high school football.

7:30 p.m. - WJPA (94.5 FM) - McGuffey at Jeannette, high school football.

9:30 p.m. - WEAE (1250) - Boston at Los Angeles Angels, baseball.

Boys' soccer standings

Class AAA

Section 5

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Peters Township	8	0	0	10	2	1
Upper St. Clair	6	2	0	10	2	1
Canon-McMillan	5	3	0	9	5	0
Moon	3	5	0	5	7	1
Ringgold	2	6	0	7	6	0
Trinity	0	8	0	2	12	0

Thursday

Moon 5, Ringgold 1
Upper St. Clair 2, Canon-McMillan 1
Peters Township 3, Trinity 0

Saturday

Hopewell at Moon
Upper St. Clair at Mt. Lebanon

Class AA

Section 3

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
S'moreland	10	1	0	10	3	0
South Park	8	1	0	10	2	0
Belle Vernon Area	7	3	1	10	4	1
Thomas Jefferson	6	4	1	7	6	1
Elizabeth Forward	5	6	0	7	8	0
Steel Valley	3	7	0	4	8	0
Uniontown	2	8	0	2	11	0
Yough	0	11	0	0	12	0

Thursday

Elizabeth 2, BV Area 1
South Park 2, Thomas Jefferson 0
S'moreland 6, Steel Valley 0
Uniontown 3, Yough 1

Saturday

S'moreland at Mt. Pleasant
South Park at Trinity

Class A

Section 1

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Grb. Central	11	0	0	11	3	0
Trinity Christian	8	3	0	9	3	0
Geibel	6	5	0	9	5	0
Serra	6	4	0	9	4	0
Winche. Thurston	6	4	1	7	5	1
California	3	7	1	6	9	1
South Allegheny	2	8	0	2	10	0
Brownsville	0	11	0	0	14	0

Thursday

Serra 2, California 1
Grb. Central 12, Brownsville 1
Trinity Christian 9, South Allegheny 1
Winchester Thurston 3, Geibel 1

Today

Trinity Christian at Allderdice

Saturday

South Allegheny at Serra

Section 4

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Carlynton	8	0	1	10	1	2
Bentworth	7	2	1	7	6	1
Charleroi	6	3	0	9	4	0
C-Houston	5	4	1	5	8	2
Monessen	2	6	2	4	7	2
Brentwood	1	7	1	2	9	1
Beth-Center	1	8	0	4	9	0

Thursday

Beth-Center 4, Monessen 1
C-Houston 4, Charleroi 0
Bentworth 4, Brentwood 1

Today

Geibel at Monessen

Saturday

Brownsville at Bentworth (5 p.m.)

Girls' soccer standings

Class AAA

Section 5

	League W	League L	League T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Mt. Lebanon	8	1	0	10	3	0
Upper St. Clair	8	1	0	8	4	0
Canon-McMillan	7	2	0	10	5	0
Elizabeth Forward	3	6	0	4	9	0
Ringgold	3	7	0	5	9	0
Trinity	3	6	0	5	8	0
West Mifflin	0	9	0	2	11	0

Thursday

Trinity 7, West Mifflin 4

Section 6

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
S'moreland	9	0	2	9	1	2
Belle Vernon Area	9	0	2	11	2	2
Connellsville	7	4	0	8	7	0
Waynesburg	6	5	0	7	7	0
Yough	5	6	0	8	7	0
Laurel Highlands	4	7	0	5	10	0
Uniontown	2	9	0	3	10	0
Albert Gallatin	0	11	0	0	13	0

Thursday

Hempfield 4, Laurel Highlands 1
Yough 2, Derry 1

Class AA

Section 1

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
South Park	10	0	0	12	1	0
South Fayette	7	1	0	8	3	1
McGuffey	7	2	0	9	4	0
Bentworth	4	6	0	7	8	0
Charleroi	3	7	0	6	9	0
C-Houston	1	7	0	1	11	1
Beth-Center	0	9	0	2	10	0

Thursday

South Allegheny 2, Bentworth 1

Section 6

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Mt. Pleasant	8	1	0	10	2	0
Grb. Central	7	2	0	11	3	1
Geibel	7	2	0	9	4	0
Jeannette	4	3	1	6	5	2
Monessen	2	6	1	4	7	1
St. Joseph	1	7	0	2	9	0
East Allegheny	0	8	0	1	9	0

High school football

Class AAA

Big Seven Conference

	League W	League L	Overall W	Overall L
Chartiers Valley	3	0	4	0
Thomas Jefferson	2	0	5	0
West Mifflin	2	1	4	1
Elizabeth Forward	1	2	3	2
Trintty	1	2	1	4
Ringgold	0	2	2	3
Belle Vernon Area	0	2	2	3

Today

Chartiers Valley at Ringgold
BV Area at Trinity
Elizabeth Forward at T. Jefferson
West Mifflin at Uniontown

Keystone Conference

	League W	League L	Overall W	Overall L
Greensburg Salem	2	0	4	1
Laurel Highlands	2	0	2	3
Uniontown	2	1	3	2
Albert Gallatin	1	2	2	3
Yough	1	2	1	4
Derry	1	2	1	4
Southmoreland	0	2	0	5

Today

Greensburg Salem at Yough
Albert Gallatin at Southmoreland
Derry at L. Highlands
West Mifflin at Uniontown

Class AA

Interstate Conference

	League W	League L	Overall W	Overall L
Mt. Pleasant	5	0	5	0
Charleroi	4	1	4	1
McGuffey	4	1	4	1
Jeannette	4	1	4	1
Washington	3	2	3	2
Greensburg Central	3	2	3	2
Waynesburg	1	4	1	4
Brownsville	1	4	1	4
South Allegheny	0	5	0	5
East Allegheny	0	5	0	5

Today

Waynesburg at Charleroi
Brownsville at Mt. Pleasant
Greensburg C.C. at E. Allegheny
Washington at S. Allegheny
McGuffey at Jeannette

Class A

Tri-County South

	League W	League L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	3	0	3	2
California	3	0	4	1
Beth-Center	2	1	3	2
Jefferson-Morgan	2	1	4	1
Carmichaels	1	2	1	4
Geibel	1	2	2	3
West Greene	0	3	0	5
Mapletown	0	3	0	5

Today

Carmichaels at California
West Greene at Jeff-Morgan
Beth-Center at Mapletown

Saturday

Monessen at Geibel, noon

Black Hills Conference

	League W	League L	Overall W	Overall L
Clairton	3	0	4	1
Fort Cherry	2	1	4	1
Chartiers-Houston	2	1	4	1
Serra	2	1	4	1
Burgettstown	2	1	3	2
Frazier	1	2	2	3
Bentworth	0	3	1	4
Avella	0	3	1	4

Today

Bentworth at Serra
Burgettstown at Frazier
Char-Houston at Clairton
Fort Cherry at Avella

NBA preseason

Wednesday's Games

Indiana 126, Denver 104
Utah 109, Real Madrid 87
Charlotte 108, New Orleans 101

Today's Games

Houston at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Washington, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
New York at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Olympiacos at Sacramento, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 10 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

WNBA Finals

Best of Five

Today

Indiana at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Latest Line

NFL

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Sunday, Oct 11		
Week Five		
Minnesota	9 1/2 (40)	ST. LOUIS
Dallas	8 (40)	KAN. CITY
CAROLINA	3 1/2 (37)	Washington
PHILADELPHIA	14 1/2 (43)	Tampa Bay
NY GIANTS	15 (41)	Oakland
BUFFALO	6 (40)	Cleveland
BALTIMORE	8 (42)	Cincinnati
Pittsburgh	10 1/2 (44)	DETROIT
SAN FRAN	2 1/2 (41)	Atlanta
New England	3 (41)	DENVER
ARIZONA	5 1/2 (49)	Houston
SEATTLE	1 (43)	Jacksonville
Indianapolis	4 (46)	TENNESSEE
Monday, Oct 12		
NY Jets	2 (36)	MIAMI

College Football

Favorite	Points	Underdog
NEVADA	11 (58)	La Tech
Saturday		
West Virginia	10	SYRACUSE
Michigan St	4	ILLINOIS
VA TECH	13 1/2	Boston College
C. MICHIGAN	23	Eastern Michigan
NC ST	14 1/2	Duke
WAKE FOREST	11	Maryland
VIRGINIA	7	Indiana
MINNESOTA	3 1/2	Purdue
PITTSBURGH	8	Connecticut
N'WESTERN	20	Miami-Ohio
KANSAS	19 1/2	Iowa St
Alabama	5	MISSISSIPPI
TEMPLE	13 1/2	Ball St
Vanderbilt	10 1/2	ARMY
WYOMING	10	New Mexico
Houston	1 1/2	MISSISSIPPI ST
Arizona	3	WASHINGTON
Bowling Green	3 1/2	KENT ST
Stanford	1	OREGON ST
TENNESSEE	1 1/2	Georgia
Marshall	4	TULANE
TEXAS TECH	16	Kansas St
TEXAS	33	Colorado
FLORIDA ST	3	Georgia Tech
OHIO ST	16	Wisconsin
Oklahoma St	7 1/2	TEXAS A&M
Arizona St	21	WASH. ST
Ohio	4	AKRON
Utah	7 1/2	COLORADO ST
Oregon	3 1/2	UCLA
TOLEDO	8	W. Michigan
So. Miss	3	LOUISVILLE
S. CAROLINA	9 1/2	Kentucky
Auburn	2	ARKANSAS
OKLAHOMA	25	Baylor
Navy	12	RICE
Tcu	10	AIR FORCE
East Carolina	6	SMU
Florida	8	LSU
IOWA	8	Michigan
Utah St	12	N. MEXICO ST
Byu	16 1/2	UNLV
Fresno St	9	HAWAII

Baseball

Favorite	Odds	Underdog
Division Series-Best of Five		
American League		
Game One		
Boston	Even-6	LA ANGELS
NY YANKEES	13-15	Minnesota

HOME TEAM IN CAPS

Sports moves

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA—Suspended Miami C Jamaal Magloire for two games and Detroit F Jonas Jerebko one game and for their roles in an altercation that took place during an Oct. 5 game.

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Waived F Taj Gray.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed LB Dan Skuta from the practice squad. Waived CB Geoffrey Pope.

TENNESSEE TITANS—Signed RB Lance Ball to practice squad.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NHL—Suspended San Jose F Brad Staubitz for one game for making excessive physical contact on an icing play, in an Oct. 6 game against Los Angeles.

ATLANTA THRASHERS—Activated F Colby Armstrong from injured reserve.

DETROIT RED WINGS—Signed F Brad May to a one-year contract. Assigned C Justin Abdelkader to Grand Rapids (AHL).

NEW YORK RANGERS—Recalled F Evgeny Grachev from Hartford (AHL).

Area golf

At Pleasant Valley Country Club

Bentworth - 191

Kyle Kubovcik, 37; Garrett Damich and Clay Roman, 38; Ty Bell and Chris Zigerelli, 39.

Geibel - 216

Mike Noonan, 39; Ryan Lucostic, 40; Ryan Robson, 42; Sean Dedely, 43; Jake Blout, 52.

Youth football

Belle Vernon Midget League

Yough Green 6 7 7 0 - 20
Belle Vernon 13 0 0 0 - 13
Yough - Jordan Pore (65, kick return)
Belle Vernon - Eddie Evans (18, run)
Belle Vernon - Eddie Evans (42, run) Alex Gillingham (PAT)
Yough - Matt Shipley (1, run) Eric Borkovich (PAT)
Yough - Jordan Pore (19, run) Eroc Borkovich (PAT)

LaGrange 21 7 6 0 - 34
Yough Silver 0 0 0 12 - 12
LaGrange - Philip Taylor (30, run) Paul Schnur pass from Sam Kovell (PAT)
LaGrange - Dalton Naylor (40, run) Deven Feeney (PSAT)
LaGrange - Sam Kovell (1, run) Zac Spate (PAT)
LaGrange - Zac Spate (30, run) Deven Feeney (PAT)
LaGrange - John Pokol (7, run)
Yough - Dustin Randolph (14, run)
Yough - Dustin Randolph (15, run)

Fayette City 0 13 0 7 - 20
Wash. Twp. 0 0 0 6 - 6
Fayette City - Derek Verkleeren (22, pass from Josh Hall)
Fayette City - Matt Brown (5, run) Derek Verkleeren (PAT)
Wash. Twp. - Jacob Powell (16, run)
Fayette City - Derek Verkleeren (28, run) Joey Ivan (PAT)

Standings

East

	W	L	T
LaGrange	6	0	0
Wash Twp.	2	3	1
Yough Silver	0	6	0

West

	W	L	T
Yough Green	4	1	1
Fayette City	4	2	0
Belle Vernon	1	5	0

Saturday

At Brewer Stadium

11 a.m. - Yough Silver vs Fayette City
1 p.m. - Belle Vernon vs Washington Twp.
3 p.m. - Yough Green vs LaGrange

Mon Valley League

Midgets

Northern Division

	W	L	T
Yough	5	1	0
Elizabeth Forward	4	2	0
Norwin	3	3	0
South Allegheny	1	5	0

Eastern Division

	W	L	T
Rostraver	5	1	0
Frazier	4	2	0
Monessen	4	2	0
Southmoreland	4	2	0

Southern Division

	W	L	T
Beth-Center	5	1	0
California	4	2	0
Brownsville	1	5	0
Bentworth	0	6	0

Western Division

	W	L	T
Donora	5	1	0
Charleroi	2	3	1
Union-Finley	0	5	1
Monongahela	0	6	0

Last week's results

Donora 14, Norwin 0
Yough 30, Union-Finley 6
California 6, Frazier 0
Beth-Center 36, Monessen 28
Elizabeth Forward 28, Charleroi 12
Rostraver 28, Brownsville 6

Mighty Mites

Northern Division

	W	L	T
Norwin	5	1	0
Elizabeth Forward	3	3	0
South Allegheny	2	4	0
Yough	1	5	0

Eastern Division

	W	L	T
Rostraver	6	0	0
Frazier	5	1	0
Monessen	3	3	0
Southmoreland	1	5	0

Southern Division

	W	L	T
Brownsville	5	1	0
California	2	4	0
Beth-Center	2	4	0
Bentworth	0	6	0

Western Division

	W	L	T
Monongahela	6	0	0
Union-Finley	5	1	0
Donora	2	4	0
Charleroi	0	6	0

Last week's results

Norwin 12, Donora 6
Union-Finley 22, Yough 0
Frazier 40, California 0
Beth-Center 14, Monessen 12
S'moreland 14, Bentworth 6
Elizabeth Forward 32, Charleroi 6
Monongahela 20, South Allegheny 0
Rostraver 8, Brownsville 0

Termites

Northern Division

	W	L	T
Elizabeth Forward	6	0	0
Norwin	5	1	0
South Allegheny	4	2	0
Yough	2	4	0

Eastern Division

	W	L	T
Monessen	6	0	0
Rostraver	6	0	0
Frazier	4	2	0
Southmoreland	1	5	0

Southern Division

	W	L	T
California	4	2	0
Beth-Center	2	4	0
Brownsville	1	5	0
Bentworth	0	6	0

Western Division

	W	L	T
Monongahela	4	2	0
Donora	2	4	0
Charleroi	1	5	0
Union-Finley	0	6	0

Last week's results

Norwin 38, Donora 6
Yough14, Union-Finley 12
Frazier 20, California 6
Monessen 20, Beth-Center 0
S'moreland 28, Bentworth 6
Elizabeth Forward 34, Charleroi 14
South Allegheny 30, Monongahela 0
Rostraver 32, Brownsville 0

Tiny Mites

Northern Division

	W	L	T
Yough	6	0	0
Elizabeth Forward	5	1	0
Norwin	5	1	0
South Allegheny	3	3	0

Eastern Division

	W	L	T
Rostraver	6	0	0
Monessen	4	2	0
Frazier	3	2	1
Southmoreland	0	6	0

Southern Division

	W	L	T
California	3	3	0
Beth-Center	3	2	1
Brownsville	1	5	0
Bentworth	0	5	0

Western Division

	W	L	T
Charleroi	3	3	0
Union-Finley	2	4	0
Monongahela	1	4	1
Donora	0	5	1

Last week's results

Norwin 36, Donora 14
Yough 8, Union-Finley 0
Frazier 24, California 0
Beth-Center 14, Monessen 6
Bentworth 32, S'moreland 20
Elizabeth Forward 1, Charleroi 6
South Allegheny 24, Monongahela 6
Rostraver 28, Brownsville 8

Schedule

Saturday

11 a.m. - S'moreland at BethCenter
Noon - Brownsville at Frazier; South Allegheny at Union-Finley
3 p.m. - Bentworth at Monessen; Rostraver at California; Yough at Charleroi.

Sunday

Noon - Donora at Elizabeth Forward; Monongahela at Norwin.

NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	3	1	0	.750	74	57
New England	3	1	0	.750	87	71
Miami	1	3	0	.250	81	79
Buffalo	1	3	0	.250	74	110

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	4	0	0	1.000	106	62
Jacksonville	2	2	0	.500	97	86
Houston	2	2	0	.500	94	92
Tennessee	0	4	0	.000	75	108

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	3	1	0	.750	124	80
Cincinnati	3	1	0	.750	84	76
Pittsburgh	2	2	0	.500	85	78
Cleveland	0	4	0	.000	49	118

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	4	0	0	1.000	79	26
San Diego	2	2	0	.500	101	102
Oakland	1	3	0	.250	42	86
Kansas City	0	4	0	.000	64	112

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	4	0	0	1.000	107	64
Philadelphia	2	1	0	.667	94	72
Dallas	2	2	0	.500	96	78
Washington	2	2	0	.500	56	62

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	4	0	0	1.000	144	66
Atlanta	2	1	0	.667	57	53
Carolina	0	3	0	.000	37	87
Tampa Bay	0	4	0	.000	54	107

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	4	0	0	1.000	118	80
Chicago	3	1	0	.750	105	78
Green Bay	2	2	0	.500	104	93
Detroit	1	3	0	.250	83	134

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	3	1	0	.750	102	53
Arizona	1	2	0	.333	57	68
Seattle	1	3	0	.250	74	82
St. Louis	0	4	0	.000	24	108

Sunday

Pittsburgh at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Oakland at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Washington at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Jacksonville at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
Houston at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
New England at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
Indianapolis at Tennessee, 8:20 p.m.
Open: San Diego, Chicago, Green Bay, New Orleans

Monday, Oct. 12

N.Y. Jets at Miami, 8:30 p.m.

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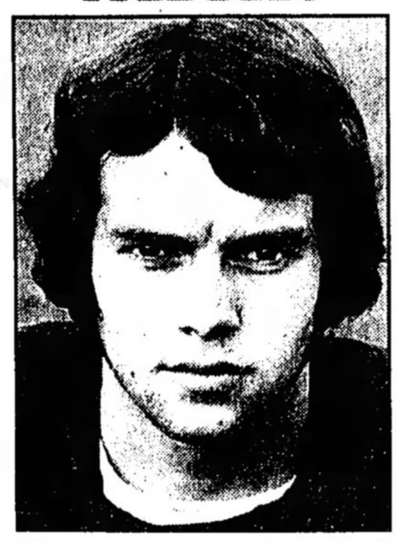

Monessen's Ted Harhai was the starting quarterback and leading punter in the Presidents Athletic Conference at Carnegie Mellon University iin 1973.

Steelers

(FROM PAGE ONE)

difference.

"A lot of people are looking at this week like it's an absolute win, but it's not like that for us," Clark said. "We have to stay focused."

Having former Steelers linebac

SPORTS

FEARLESS FIVE

HERMAN

DEVORE

NACCARATO

OLIVER

WALD

BVA at Trinity	Trinity	Trinity	Trinity	Trinity	Trinity
Arizona at Washington	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Washington	Washington
Ga. Tech at Fla. State	Florida State	Florida State	Ga. Tech	Florida State	Florida State
Georgia at Tennesee	Tennessee	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia
Florida at LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	Florida	Florida
Steelers at Lions	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers
Redskins at Panthers	Panthers	Panthers	Panthers	Panthers	Panthers
Falcons at 49ers	49ers	Falcons	49ers	Falcons	49ers
Jaguars at Seahawks	Jaguars	Jaguars	Jaguars	Jaguars	Jaguars
Jets at Dolphins	Jets	Dolphins	Jets	Dolphins	Jets
Last week	8-2	7-3	6-4	10-0	10-0
Season record	26-14	22-18	22-18	25-15	30-10

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Dodgers enjoy a 'Holliday' as they lead Cards, 2-0

Rockies get even; Angels take Game 1.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Matt Holliday dropped a sinking line drive for an error with two outs in the ninth inning, leading to a two-run rally by the Los Angeles Dodgers that gave them a 3-2 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Thursday.

Ronnie Belliard and pinch-hitter Mark Loretta came through with RBI singles off All-Star closer Ryan Franklin, giving the Dodgers a 2-0 lead in the best-of-five NL playoff series. They can close it out with a sweep in Game 3 on Saturday in St. Louis.

The Cardinals got a second-inning homer from Holliday and a stellar performance by starter Adam Wainwright, who left with a 2-1 lead after eight. Still, St. Louis went home empty-handed after opening the series with two Cy Young Award contenders on the mound: Chris Carpenter and Wainwright.

With the bases empty in the ninth, Holliday charged in on James Loney's liner to left field. But the ball hit his midsection and dropped to the grass, allowing Loney to reach second.

Franklin walked Casey Blake before Belliard singled, scoring pinch-runner Juan Pierre. A passed ball moved runners up to second and third, and Franklin walked Russell Martin to load the bases.

Loretta, batting for winning pitcher George Sherrill, was 0 for 15 in his career against Franklin before fisting a soft single to center that drove in Blake.

ROCKIES 5, PHILLIES 4

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Cole Hamels isn't going to breeze through this postseason.

Yorvit Torrealba hit a two-run homer, Aaron Cook pitched effectively into the sixth inning and the Colorado Rockies beat Hamels and the Philadelphia Phillies to even their NL playoff series at a game apiece.

Huston Street pitched out of trouble in the ninth to save it for Colorado. He retired Shane Victorino on a soft liner to second to leave the potential tying run — Game 1 winner Cliff Lee — at second base.

Hamels, the World Series and NLCS MVP last year, looked nothing like the guy who was so dominant during Philadelphia's championship run last October. The left-hander allowed four runs and seven hits in five innings. He didn't stick around after departing, rushing off to be with his wife, Heidi, who was in labor with the couple's first child.

ANGELS 5, RED SOX 0

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — John Lackey pitched into the eighth inning and Torii Hunter hit a three-run homer off the rock pile in center field, leading Los Angeles over Boston in their AL playoff opener.

Hunter's shot broke open a scoreless game in the fifth inning and gave the Angels a boost against their longtime playoff nemesis. The Red Sox ended three of the Angels' past five seasons in the division series, winning nine of 10 games.

Boston didn't manage an extra-base hit while getting shut out in the playoffs for the first time since Game 2 of the 1995 division series against Cleveland.

The AL West champion Angels snapped a six-game home playoff losing streak behind Lackey, who dominated his first postseason victory since 2002 with fine control and good defense behind him. After striking out four and allowing four singles over 7 1-3 innings, he doffed his cap to a standing ovation.

Midway (FROM PAGE ONE)

Jeannette has two tough home tests remaining in McGuffey tonight and Greensburg Central Catholic the last Friday of the regular season.

Greensburg Central Catholic, which handed Charleroi its lone defeat on the first week of the season, has only one tough game remaining in the trip to Jeannette.

McGuffey has trips to Jeannette and Charleroi coming up in the next eight days.

CLASS A
TRI-COUNTY SOUTH

With 3-0 records, Monessen and California - who close at Memorial Stadium Oct. 30 - are sitting pretty.

Before facing the Trojans, Monessen goes to Geibel Saturday, hosts a talented Jefferson-Morgan team next and then travel to Carmichaels.

California gets Carmichaels at home tonight. After that, the Trojans have three huge games as they go to Beth-Center and then host Jefferson-Morgan before taking on the Greyhounds.

Beth-Center and Jeff-Morgan are the other top contenders.

Beth-Center has home games with California and West Greene between tonight's contest at Mapletown and a trip to Geibel the last day of the month.

Jeff-Morgan has back-to-back games at Monessen and California between home contests with West Greene tonight and Mapletown on the final night.

BLACK HILLS

Winless Bentworth is out of the picture while one-win Frazier trails five teams,

The Bearcats have trips to Serra and Frazier the last Friday around home dates with Avella and Chartiers-Houston.

Before closing with Bentworth, Frazier hosts Burgettstown tonight and Fort Cherry next Friday and goes to Serra.,

Clairton is in the driver's seat with Chartiers-Houston, Fort Cherry, Serra and Burgettstown battling for the other three spots.

EF boys trip up BVA, 2-1

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

Winning at Elizabeth Forward isn't easy for the Belle Vernon Area High boys' soccer team.

Last year the Leps were a 4-0 loser in the Warriors' field.

Thursday Elizabeth avenged a 3-1 defeat with a 2-1 overtime victory to snap the Leps' four-gmae winning streak in Class AAA Section 3.

Tyler Abels scored both goals for the Warriors (7-8, 5-6) to raise his season total to 25.

Jordan Redfield scored for BVA (10-4-1, 7-3-1).

"We had to stop (Mark) Tomich and I thought we did well all around," said Elizabeth coach Dave King.

"It was an even game and we outshot them but we just couldn't finish," said BVA coach Chris Stasicha. "We have a tough week coming up and we will have to play a little bit of good soccer."

The Leps host front-running Southmoreland Tuesday on Senior Night with Elizabeth home with Uniontown.

C-H 4, CHARLEROI 0

The Cougars slipped to third place in Class A Section 4 with the loss.

"We did not play well and it shows in the score," said Charleroi coach George Watkins. "Chartiers played hard and deserved to win and they did. Our kids did not show up to play."

The Cougars (9-4, 6-3) host Beth-Center Tuesday.

BENTWORTH 4, BRENTWOOD 1

The Bearcats moved into second place in Class A Section 4 with the win on goals by Nick Malarbi, Tom Rader, Shawn Ross and J.T. Paterlini.

BETH-CENTER 4, MONESSEN 1

Sam Merando gave the Greyhounds a brief 1-0 lead in the Class A Section 4 game.

Anthony Elias had two goals for the Bulldogs, who posted their first section win.

The Greyhounds (4-6-2, 2-5-2) host Geibel today at 4 p.m.

SERRA 2, CALIFORNIA 1

Patrick Tunney scored for the Trojans (6-9-1, 3-7-1) in the Class A Section 1 defeat.

"We were up 1-0 and hung back," said California coach Adam Obranovich. "We showed up to play and outworked them. It's a shame that we didn't get the result we wanted."

MOON 5, RINGGOLD 1

The Rams (7-6, 2-6) lost their third straight in Class AAA Section 5 as Moon avenged a 1-0 loss.

Americans take early Presidents lead

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Americans were in a familiar spot at the Presidents Cup, taking the lead after the opening session of foursomes on the strength of its best players — Tiger Woods, Steve Stricker and Phil Mickelson.

The International team had to settle for a moral victory, which it gladly accepted.

Two years ago at Royal Montreal, the Americans didn't lose a match on opening day in building a five-point lead, which turned out to be the margin when the golf trophy was awarded. It was so bad that captain Greg Norman and Ernie Els were among those who thought anything better would be considered a good start.

It wasn't looking good. Not with the Americans already up 3-2 in matches, and leading the final alternate-shot match 1 up on the final hole with Justin Leonard only 3 feet away for a birdie to halve the hole.

Everything changed with one putt.

After some confusion over whether the putt had been conceded, Leonard missed with a putt that spun out of the right lip. The match was halved, although it felt like a full point for the International side. Instead of the U.S. team leading 4-2, it was 3 1/2-2 1/2.

Some of the matches were clean. Woods and Stricker combined to make six birdies against no bogeys — solid stuff for the difficult alternate-shot format — and pounded Geoff Ogilvy and Ryo Ishikawa in the shortest match of the day, 6 and 4. It was a powerful tandem of Woods' iron play and Stricker's pure putting.

SPORTS DIGEST

Basketball officials clinic in Monessen

The Monessen Civic Center will be the site of a clinic for men and women 18 and over interested in being PIAA basketball officials.

The first of six classes will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. with the second clinic Sunday, Oct. 18 at 6 p.m.

Those needing more information should contact Cam Madison (724-684-4240).

Cal booters blank Wheeling Jesuit

The California University women's soccer team upped its record to 9-3-1 with a 1-0 win at Wheeling Jesuit.

Senior Amanda Heister scored her third game-winner in the 53rd minute.

Sophomore Paula Jackson posted her sixth shutout.

The Vulcans host Bloomsburg Saturday at 3 p.m.

BVA booters rout Canon-McMillan

Once-beaten Belle Vernon Area Junior High's soccer team visits Charleroi today at 4 p.m. after routing Canon-McMillan Gold, 11-0.

Alan and Alex Robinson each had two goals for the Little Leps (9-1) with David Wurmlinger, David Kost, Josh Page, Aaron Gillie, Travis Nobili, Anthony Zenobi and ric Resetar getting the other goals.

BV Area cagers sweep Califoirnia

The Belle Vernon Area Middle School girls' basketball teams swept Californa.

The eighth graders (9-5, 7-1) won 39-34 behind M egan Staley's 16 points. Tristan Conaway and M adison Shumaker were high for Cal with 17 and 12 points, respectively.

The seventh graders (6-1) were a 29-12 winner with Bria Rathway scoring 11 points.

BVA, Ringgold volleyball losers

Belle Vernon Area and Ringgold were both 3-0 volleyball losers Thursday.

The Lady Leps dropped 25-16, 25-18 and 25-20 decisions to Yough with Ashley Fiorino (9 service, points), Bryana Lewis (5 kills and 4 blocks) and Cerria Vasquez (4 aces) looking best.

Ringgold lost by 25-23, 26-24 and 25-19 scores to Trinity.

Correction

John Adomaitis scored one of Charleroi's goal in the Cougars' 3-2 win over Bentworth Tuesday.

Trivia answer

Linebacker Ed O'Neil in 1974, tackle Keith Dorney in 1979 and guard Jeff Hartings in 1996.

Golf returns to Olympics

COPENHAGEN (AP) — All those beautiful beaches and Tiger Woods, too!

After more than a century on the sidelines, golf will return to the Olympics at the Summer Games in Rio de Janeiro. Rugby, last played in 1924, is coming back as well.

Both were reinstated for the 2016 and 2020 games.

Each sport received majority support in separate votes after leading athletes and officials from both camps gave presentations, including a taped video message from Woods and other top pros.

find your name game!
WIN CA$H!
Today's Name of the Day is
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TV LISTINGS

Mom's Internet sleuthing gives daughter the creeps

Dear **ABBY**

DEAR ABBY: I have become alarmed by my mother's recent habit of "Googling" people.

She digs up things about my friends and calls to report them to me.

The list of those she has researched on the Internet ranges from friends I haven't talked to in years, to an ex-boyfriend of hers against whom she filed a restraining order.

This isn't the first time she has searched for information on people.

I find it downright creepy.

She claims she's doing it to "protect her daughters from Internet stalkers."

But the problem is, SHE'S the one stalking people on the Internet.

Often they aren't even people she knows well or was ever friends with.

I'm concerned that this could lead to greater degrees of paranoia and controlling behavior — to which she is prone — and I am only seeing a small part of a much bigger problem.

What do I do? — **ALARMED IN ATLANTA**

DEAR ALARMED: You can't stop your mother from trolling the Internet, which contains enormous amounts of information on just about everybody.

You can, however, stop your mother from trying to control your life by "sharing" the results of her searches.

The most direct way to do it would be to tell her when she calls with her latest "news flash" that you're not interested and don't want to hear it.

If she persists, tell her you're too busy to talk right now and get off the phone.

Your mother may be paranoid, but she can only be controlling if you allow it.

DEAR ABBY: I met the most amazing guy.

He's in grad school, has a job, his own home, loves music, movies and good food — he can even cook.

We exchanged phone numbers, and I was excited about finally meeting a man who could be "the one."

And then he casually dropped a bomb on me: He told me he has herpes.

I thought he was kidding, but he said: "I live stress-free, so I never break out. Herpes is no big deal."

He left voicemails asking if we can go out on a date soon, and I had to tell him I just couldn't date someone with herpes.

My male friends support me, so why do I feel so guilty about this?

Is it wrong of me not to date someone because of his STD status? — **FEELING MISERABLE IN GAINESVILLE, FLA.**

DEAR FEELING MISERABLE: I don't think so. And it was OK to be honest about your feelings, so stop feeling guilty.

While herpes isn't life-threatening, it is NOT "no big deal."

And while the young man in your letter may "never break out," the virus is shed all the time.

That's how the disease is spread, and it is widespread.

If you need more information, I recommend you discuss this with your OB/GYN or visit the Web site of ASHA (American Social Health Association) at www.ashastd.org.

DEAR ABBY: After we laid my mother-in-law to rest, my wife discovered a box of letters her parents had written to each other. Her father was stationed overseas during WWII.

My wife is agonizing over whether to read them or destroy them. Because her mother's passing was unexpected, no instructions were made. Should my wife read them as a way to share the experiences of my in-laws' love for each other or consider them so private they are inviolable? — **STUCK FOR AN ANSWER IN OHIO**

DEAR STUCK: Reading them might give your wife new insight into her parents, the challenges they faced and an opportunity to view them in the bloom of their youth. They could also be historically significant.

That said, however, if she thinks her mother would have preferred that the letters be destroyed, she should follow her conscience.

(Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.)

FRIDAY EVENING — OCTOBER 9, 2009

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS	(2) KDKA-TV News at Six (7) News (10) WTAJ News at 6	(7) (10) CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	(2) CBS Evening News-Couric (7) Entertainment (10) Inside	(2) The Insider (N) (7) Inside Edition (10) Two and a Half Men	Ghost Whisperer "Till Death Do Us Start" An encounter with Eli's mother, dead nearly 10 years but unable to cross over. (N)		Medium "Pain Killer" Allison suspects a hospital staffer is to blame for her friend's death. (N)		NUMB3RS "7 Men Out" The team investigates a deadly gambling ring. (N)		(2) KDKA-TV News at 11 (7) News (10) WTAJ News at 11	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman Jon Hamm; Andy Kindler; Brett Dennen. (N)		(:37) The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Gerard Butler; Phoenix. (N)		(2) (:37) Extra (7) (:37) The Dr. Oz Show (10) (:37) Paid Program	(2) (10) (:07) Paid Program	(2) (7) (:37) Paid Program (10) (:37) Cars. TV (N)
ABC	(4) Action News at 6 (23) Deal No	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	(4) Inside Edition (23) Jeopardy! (N)	(4) Entertainment Tonight (23) Wheel of Fortune	FlashForward "137 Sekunden" An imprisoned Nazi claims to have knowledge about the blackouts.		Modern Family "Come Fly With Me"	The Middle "The Cheerleader"	20/20 (N)		(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (23) News	(:35) Nightline (N)	(12:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live Michael Moore; Malin Akerman. (N)		(4) (:06) Oprah Winfrey (23) (:06) Paid Program	(23) (:35) RENO 911!	(4) (:06) Paid Program (23) (:05) Paid Program	(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (23) Paid Prog
NBC	(6) WJAC-TV News at 6 PM (N) (9) News (N) (11) Channel 11 News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	(6) Entertainment Tonight (N) (9) (11) Jeopardy! (N)	(6) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (9) (11) Wheel of Fortune	Law & Order "Great Satan" Lupo and Bernard investigate when an aspiring musician is found dead. (N)		Dateline NBC		The Jay Leno Show Terry Bradshaw. (N)		(6) WJAC-TV News (9) Sports (11) Ch. 11 News	(6) (11) (:35) The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien Zack Hample; Lady Antebellum. (9) (:45) High School Football Massillon vs. Steubenville.		(6) (11) (:37) Late Night With Jimmy Fallon Martin Short; Jeff Lewis. (N)		(6) (11) (:36) Last Call With Carson Daly Glenn Howerton. (N)	(6) (11) (:05) Poker After Dark (9) (:15) Poker After Dark (Joined in Progress)	
FOX	(8) Seinfeld (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) The Simpsons (53) My Name Is Earl	(8) That '70s Show (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) My Name Is Earl (53) Seinfeld	Brothers Helping an overweight kid. (N)	'Til Death "Separate Beds" New principal. (N)	Dollhouse Victor is sent on an assignment as the psychotic nephew of a Dollhouse shareholder. (N)		(8) News (53) Channel 11 News	(8) (:35) My Name Is Earl (Part 2 of 2)	(8) (:05) Everybody Loves Raymond (53) Seinfeld	(8) (:35) Seinfeld (53) My Name Is Earl	(8) Star Trek: The Next Generation (53) Frasier	(53) Paid Program	(8) (:05) Paid Program (53) Paid Program	(8) (:35) Paid Program (53) Paid Program	(8) (:05) Paid Program (53) George Lopez	(8) Paid Prog (53) House of Payne
(8) WWCP (53) WPGH																		
(13) WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	Off Q	Washington Week (N)	NOW on PBS (N)	Bill Moyers Journal (N)		The Power of the Poor		Charlie Rose (N)		Off Q	Smart Travels: Europe	Washington Week	NOW on PBS	Bill Moyers Journal	
(19) WPCW	The People's Court (N)		The Office	The Office	Smallville "Rabid" (N)		America's Next Top Model "Dance With Me"		10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Everybody-Raymond	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	King of the Hill	South Park	Mountaineer Magazine	Paid Program	Roseanne
(22) WPMY	Simpsons	Family Guy	Simpsons	Family Guy	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N)				Law & Order: SVU		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Paid Prog	Paid Prog	Bernie Mac	My Wife	Half & Half	Half & Half
(40) WPCB	The 700 Club (N)		Focus 4		"Last Flight Out" (2003) Richard Tyson.			Gospel	In Touch-Dr		Nwswtch	The Place for Miracles		TV One Life	The Zone	The Drive TV	Youthbytes	Pure Passion
(59) WBGN	Punk'd	Sports Talk	Sports Talk		Eye Eye	RENO 911!	Laguna	RENO 911!	ReGenesis "Prions"		Cheaters	Laguna	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
A&E	CSI: Miami "Pro Per"		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds "Penelope"		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds "Birthright"		CSI: Miami "Deep Freeze"		(12:01) Criminal Minds		(:01) Criminal Minds		(:01) Criminal Minds	
ABCFAM	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club (N)		'70s Show	'70s Show	Paid Prog	Paid Prog	Paid Prog	Paid Prog
AMC	(4:00) Lonesome Dove (Part 2 of 2)				★★★ "Any Given Sunday" (1999, Drama) Al Pacino, Cameron Diaz, Dennis Quaid.							★ "Sabretooth" (2002, Suspense) David Keith.				★★★ "Magic" (1978) Anthony Hopkins.		
ANPL	Untamed and Uncut		Animal Facts		Untamed and Uncut		I'm Alive "Journeys"		I'm Alive "Blood Saviors"		I'm Alive "Journeys"		Untamed and Uncut		I'm Alive "Blood Saviors"		Animal Facts	
BBC	Kitchen Nightmares		BBC World News America		Top Gear		Friday Night		BBC World News America		Top Gear		Friday Night		Top Gear		Friday Night	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (N)				★ "A Low Down Dirty Shame" (1994, Action)				Pay It Off (N)		The Mo'Nique Show (N)		The Wendy Williams Show		★ "A Low Down Dirty Shame" (1994, Action)			
BRAVO	Real Housewives of Jersey		Real Housewives of Jersey		Real Housewives of Jersey		★★★★ "GoodFellas" (1990, Crime Drama) Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta. Premiere.						★★★★ "GoodFellas" (1990, Crime Drama) Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta, Joe Pesci.					
CMT	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Piestewa Family"				Smarter	Smarter	★ "Coyote Ugly" (2000) Piper Perabo, Adam Garcia.				(:15) Cribs	Taylor Swift	Smarter	Smarter	World's Strictest Parents		World's Strictest Parents	
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow Report		Fast Money	Options	The Suze Orman Show		American Greed ID thieves.		Mad Money		The Suze Orman Show		American Greed ID thieves.		Foreclosure	Paid Prog
CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	RENO 911!	Tosh.0	Dunham: Spark of Insanity		Scrubs	Scrubs	Jim Gaffigan: Beyond Pale		Presents	Presents	Presents	Presents	Patton Oswalt: Weakness		★★ "RENO 911!: Miami" (2007) (PA) Thomas Lennon.			
CSPAN	House	Tonight From Washington					C-SPAN's Supreme Court Week					Capital News Today					Today in Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How-Made	How-Made	Alaskan Crab Fishing		Alaskan Crab Fishing		Alaskan Crab Fishing		Alaskan Crab Fishing		Alaskan Crab Fishing		Alaskan Crab Fishing		Cash Cab	Cash Cab
DISNEY	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Suite Life	Phineas-Ferb	Phineas-Ferb	Wizards	Montana	Phineas-Ferb	That's-Raven	Zack & Cody	Cory	Replace	Kim Possible	Emperor	Dragon
E!	True Hollywood Story		E! News (N)	The Daily 10	Girls	Girls	Take Miami	Take Miami	The Soup (N)	The Soup	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	The Soup	Girls	True Hollywood Story		Chelsea
ESPN	SportsCenter (Live)			NFL Live	College Football Live (Live)		College Football Louisiana Tech at Nevada. (Live)						SportsCenter (Live)		SportsCenter (Live)		SportsCenter (Live)	
ESPNC	College Football		SportsCenter Flashback		Can't Blame	60 Min.	NBA Basketball: 2004 Lakers at Rockets				AWA Wrestling		AWA Wrestling		Boxing	Boxing: Muriqi vs. Tarver		Boxing
ESPN2	Horn	Interruption	Football Live	Shootaround	WNBA Basketball: Finals Game 5				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter	2009 World Series of Poker	NFL Live (N)		Baseball	World Series	2009 World Series of Poker	
EWTN	Church-Poor	Jugan	Daily Mass: Our Lady		The World Over		Crossing	Holy Rosary	Defending	St Josemaria	Rome	Bookmark	Daily Mass: Our Lady		The World Over		Catholic	Defending
FNC	Special Report		FOX Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		Hannity (N)		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		Glenn Beck	
FOOD	Cooking	Minute	Challenge "Mac & Cheese"		Chopped		Diners	Diners	Chefs vs. City Boston. (N)		Good Eats	Rachael	Diners	Diners	Chefs vs. City Boston.		Good Eats	Rachael
FSN	Big East	Pens Rewind	H.S. Edition	High School Football Ford City at Shadyside Academy.					Mike Tomlin	Final Score	Profiles	Final Score	Best Damn Top 50 Special		Final Score	Final Score	Spotlight	
FX	(5:30) ★★ "Radio" (2003) Cuba Gooding Jr., Ed Harris.				★★★ "Coach Carter" (2005, Drama) Samuel L. Jackson, Robert Richard.						Sons of Anarchy "Smite"		(12:02) "Dumb and Dumberer: When Harry Met Lloyd"				Paid Prog	Paid Prog
GOLF	(2:00) FranciscoGolf The Presidents Cup -- Day 2. (Live)				Golf	Golf Presidents Cup -- Day 2. From the Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in Prince William County, Va.												Golf
GSN	Newlywed	Catch 21	Deal or No Deal		Family Feud	Family Feud	Newlywed	Catch 21	Millionaire	Lingo	Deal or No Deal		Be a Millionaire		Jeopardy!	Hollywood	Pyramid	Pyramid
HALL	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	★★ "Riding the Bus With My Sister" (2005)				Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Cheers	Cheers
HGTV	Holmes on Homes		House	House	Property	Property	House	Bang, Buck	House	House	Unsellable	First Place	House	Bang, Buck	House	House	Unsellable	First Place
HIST	Battles BC		Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		Lock N' Load		Lock N' Load		Deep Sea Salvage		(12:01) Modern Marvels		Lock N' Load		Lock N' Load	
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		Sherri (N)	Rita Rocks	Project Runway		DietTribe "Temptations" (N)		Project Runway		Models	Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier	Sherri	Rita Rocks	Will & Grace	Paid Prog
MSNBC	The Ed Show		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Lockup: Indiana Cutting.	
MTV	Disaster	Disaster	★★★ "The Matrix Reloaded" (2003) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne.						★★★ "Scary Movie" (2000) Shawn Wayans.				★★★ "Scary Movie" (2000) Shawn Wayans.				Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out
NICK	iCarly	Jackson	iCarly	SpongeBob	The Troop	Penguins	Penguins	Penguins	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Hates Chris	Hates Chris
OXY	The Others	★★ "Cellular" (2004) Kim Basinger, Chris Evans.			★★ "Enough" (2002, Suspense) Jennifer Lopez, Billy Campbell.						Snapped "Nikki Reynolds"		Snapped "Susan Grund"		The Tyra Show		The Tyra Show	
PCN	PCN Tours "Emeco Chairs"		High School Football Easton at Nazareth. (Live)						PCN Evening - pcntv.com				PCN Tours		PCN Profiles		Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Pittsburgh Now		News	Ch Batch	NightTalk: Get to the Point		PCNC News		NightTalk		Pittsburgh	Fedko Fone	PCNC News	PCNC News		Paid Prog	NightTalk	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		★★★ "Kung Fu Hustle" (2004, Action) Stephen Chow.				UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		Disorderly Conduct: Video		Jesse James		Jesse James	
SYFY	Sanctuary "Revelations"		Stargate Universe "Air" (Part 1 of 2)				Stargate Universe "Air" (N)		Sanctuary		Stargate Universe "Air"		Sanctuary		Stargate Atlantis		Stargate SG-1 "Bounty"	
TBS	MLB Baseball Minnesota Twins at New York Yankees. (Live)								MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. (Live)						MLB Post	★ "Boat Trip" (2003) Cuba Gooding Jr.		
TCM	(:15) ★★ "Killers of Kilimanjaro" (1960) Robert Taylor.				★★★ "The Manchurian Candidate" (1962)				(:15) ★★★ "The Parallax View" (1974) Warren Beatty.				★★★ "The Boys From Brazil" (1978) Gregory Peck.				"Evil Dead 2"	
TLC	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Wedded to Perfection (N)		Dress	Dress	Wedded to Perfection		Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress
TNT	NUMB3RS "Cover Me"		NUMB3RS "First Law"		NUMB3RS "12:01 AM"		★★★ "Hitch" (2005) Will Smith, Eva Mendes.				(:15) ★★ "Fun With Dick & Jane" (2005) Jim Carrey.				(:15) ★ "The Sweetest Thing" (2002) Cameron Diaz.			
TOON	Teen Titans	Pokemon	Pokemon	Pokemon	Star Wars	Ben 10	Ed Edd	Othersiders	King of Hill	King of Hill	Amer Dad	Family Guy	Clerks	Hungerforce	Awesome	The Oblongs	King of the Hill	
TRAVEL	Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Sandwich Paradise		Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Ghost Adventures		Most Terrifying Places 2		Halloween Attractions		Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Ghost Adventures		Most Terrifying Places 2	
TRUTV	Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	World's Wildest		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	World's Wildest		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
TVLAND	Little House on the Prairie		Brady Bunch	Brady Bunch	Brady Bunch	Brady Bunch	★★★ "An Officer and a Gentleman" (1982) Richard Gere. Premiere.					Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby Show	Cosby Show
USA	NCIS "Forced Entry"		NCIS "Family"		NCIS "Ex-File"		Monk (N)		Psych "Let's Get Hairy" (N)		Law Order: CI		Monk		Psych "Let's Get Hairy"		★★ "2 Fast 2 Furious"	
VH1	Eddie Griffin	Tool Academy		Behind the Music		Behind the Music "T.I." T.I.		NWA: World's Most Dangerous Group			(:05) Tool Academy		My Antonio		Fabulous Life Of...		Fabulous Life Of...	
VS.	IndyCar Racing: Indy Lights		Dangerous	North-Alaska	Whitetail	Bucks	Buck Stops	Monster	Tred Barta	Huntley Way	Whitetail	Bucks	Buck Stops	Monster	Tred Barta	Huntley Way	Dangerous	North-Alaska
WE	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Ghost Whisperer		★★★ "Ghost" (1990, Fantasy) Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore, Whoopi Goldberg.						My Fair Wedding		Bridezillas		★★ "St. Elmo's Fire" (1985) Rob Lowe, Demi Moore.			
WGN	Becker	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		★★ "The Peacemaker" (1997) George Clooney, Nicole Kidman.			Videos	Scrubs	Scrubs	South Park	South Park	Star Trek: Next Gener.		The Bob & Tom Show			
ENC	(5:45) ★★ "Assassins" (1995) Sylvester Stallone.				★★ "The Game Plan" (2007) Madison Pettis				★★ "National Treasure: Book of Secrets" (2007)				(12:05) ★ "P2" (2007) Wes Bentley.			(:45) ★★ "Hellbound: Hellraiser II"		
HBO	(5:30) "One Missed Call"	Joe Buck Live			★★★ "Wanted" (2008, Action) James McAvoy.				Real Time With Bill Maher		Real Time With Bill Maher		Bored	(:35) ★ "Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever" (2002)			"3000 Miles to Graceland"	
MAX	Sex & City	★★ "Young Guns" (1988, Western)			(:15) ★★ "Black Knight" (2001) Martin Lawrence.				★★★★ "The Dark Knight" (2008) Christian Bale, Heath Ledger.					Life on Top	Co-Ed Conf.	Co-Ed Conf.	(:10) ★★★ "Speed"	
SHOW	(4:55) ★★★ "Stardust"	Inside the NFL (iTV)			Nurse Jackie	Weeds (iTV)	Californ	Californ	Dexter (iTV)		Inside the NFL (iTV)		Mike Epps: Under Rated		★★ "Rambo" (2008) Sylvester Stallone.		(:35) Shaft	
STARZ	★ "88 Minutes" (2007) Al Pacino, Alicia Witt.				(7:55) ★★ "Seven Pounds" (2008) Will Smith.				Crash "Can't Explain" (N)		★★★ "Gone Baby Gone" (2007) Casey Affleck.				(12:55) Crash		(1:50) "Lakeview Terrace"	
TMC	(:05) ★★ "Rat Race" (2001, Comedy) Rowan Atkinson.				"Stiletto" (2008, Crime Drama) Tom Berenger. Premiere.				"Nobel Son" (2007) Alan Rickman, Bryan Greenberg.				★ "Gangs of the Dead" (2006) Noel G..		★ "Halloween" (2007, Horror)			

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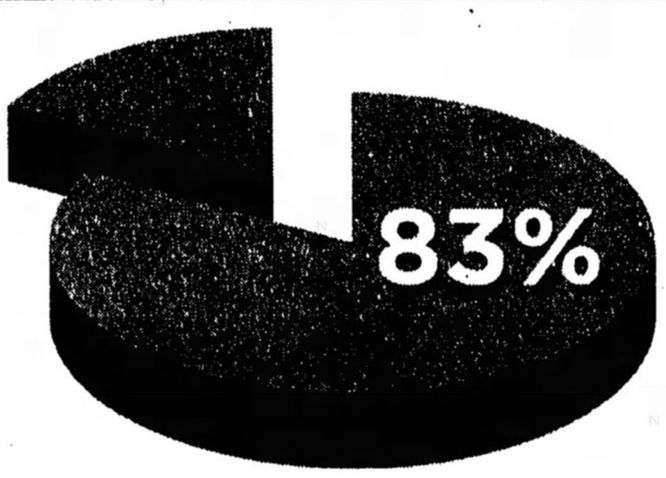

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Source: Yahoo! HotJobs college survey, May 2007

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FEATURES

ENGAGEMENTS

Flak-Lancas

Susanne Taylor and David Flak, of Erie, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Allison Leigh Flak, to Eugene Joseph Lancas.

He is the son of Eugene and Paula Lancas, of Carroll Township.

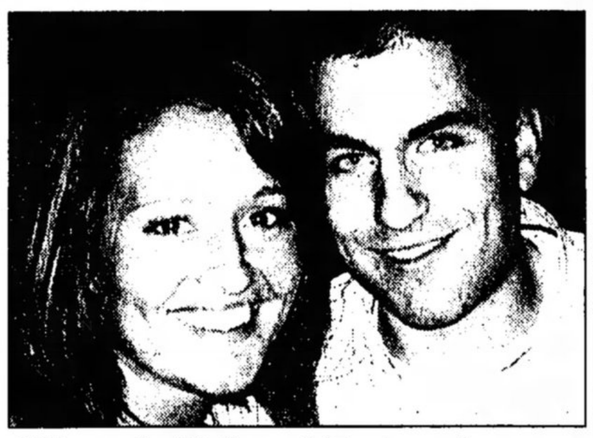
Flak is a graduate of Harbor Creek High School in Erie and Duquesne University.

She is a registered nurse at UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

She is pursuing a graduate degree at Duquesne in the family nurse practitioner program.

Lancas is a graduate of Ringgold High School and Duquesne University.

He is a logistics engineer for U. S. Steel Corp. in Pittsburgh. He is pursuing a master's degree in business administration from Duquesne.



Allison L. Flak and Eugene Lancas

The couple is planning an Aug. 14, 2010, wedding at the Duquesne University Chapel in Pittsburgh.

Celebrity Cipher did not appear as scheduled in the Oct. 3 edition of *The Valley Independent.* We are publishing the the Oct. 3 Celebrity Cipher (top) in today's paper along with the Oct. 9 Celebrity Cipher.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: D equals R

"V I D I ' Z Z Y B I L V F G S L Y L V F G A

T R Y X L : V Y J O Y B I N Y X G I P I D Z I I T

V I T C K F G I K F A I ' W Z N O V F O J F G Z

K Y L L I D N ' ? " - M T N K I G Y

PREVIOUS SOLUTION "I don't think I realized that the cost of fame is that it's open season on every moment of your life." - Julia Roberts

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by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: S equals D

"W R D X S L X Z D T G J J L L S , M D G X

S L T W X L P D X T G J J L T T T Y D G K S C L

B X L V Z L X Z Y V R M D G X P L V X D P

P V W K G X L ." - C W K K J D T C M

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "I love that quiet time when nobody's up and the animals are all happy to see me." - Olivia Newton-John

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EXAMPLE OF $30 AD AND YOUR MESSAGE (ACTUAL SIZE)

The Valley Independent will honor religious leaders in our monthly feature Jubilation on October 24th.

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CALENDAR WATCH

Saturday

■ World Fair Trade Association sale, Lynnwood Lutheran Church, 900 Washington Road, Washington Township, noon.

■ "America Needs Fatima" campaign holds public square rosary crusade, Monessen City Park walking track, noon.

■ Star party, Mingo Creek County Park, dusk.

■ Native American Day Gathering, Cedar Creek Park, Rostraver Township, 10 a.m.

■ Flea market, Center on the Hill, Washington Township, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ Regional Mini-Summit on Social Change, Washington & Jefferson College, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ Middle Eastern Dinner, St. Michael Antiochian Orthodox Church, 1201 Patton Ave., Monessen, 4 to 7 p.m.

■ Long Branch Community Grange 2072 meeting, 7 p.m.

■ Lois Orange Ducoeur Breast Cancer Walk, registration at the Market House, 9 a.m., walk, 10:15 a.m.

■ "God's Gifts" arts, crafts show, United Christian Church, Malden Crossroads, California, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ Apple sale order deadline, Rostraver/West Newton Emergency Services, (724) 929-9116 or (724) 872-9200.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Monessen library plans book sale

The Monessen Public Library and District Center fall book sale will begin 10 a.m. Monday and run through mid-November 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

Sewage authority meeting changed

The October Mon Valley Sewage Authority meeting has been changed to 7 p.m. Oct. 15 at the authority office, 20 Washington St., MIDA Industrial Park, Donora.

Charleroi Middle-Elementary PTA schedules meeting

The Charleroi Middle-Elementary PTA will meet 7 p.m. Monday in the elementary cafeteria.

American Legion Post 302 to meet

American Legion Post 302, Monongahela, will meet 7:30 p.m. Monday at the James C. Ford Post American Legion Post 949, Carroll Township.

Monessen School Board sets meeting

The Monessen School Board will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the elementary center board room.

New Eagle AARP plans meeting

New Eagle AARP will meet 1 p.m. Tuesday at the VFW. Members should bring fall desserts.

Pittsburgh Symphony plans Cal U performance

The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Lawrence Loh, will perform 8 p.m. Tuesday on the Steele Hall Main Stage at California University of Pennsylvania. All seats are reserved. Students are admitted free with a valid Cal Card. For advance tickets, call the Steele Hall box office. For information, call (724) 938-5943.

Monessen Southwestern Railroaders set meeting

The former Monessen Southwestern Railroaders will conduct a luncheon meeting noon Wednesday at Hoss's Steak and Sea House, Rostraver Township.

Needle, yarn craft workshop planned

The Washington County Department of Parks and Recreation will conduct a Needle and Yarn Craft Workshop 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday at the Mingo Creek Park office. The project will be a picture made with pressed arborvitae. Each participant should bring a 5-inch by 7-inch or 8-inch by 10-inch frame and scissors. Reservations are required and can be arranged by calling (724) 228-6867. Refreshments will be served.

American Legion Committee to meet

The Fayette County American Legion Committee will meet 7 p.m. Wednesday at Post 499, Point Marion.

Mon Valley Rebekahs schedule meeting

The Mon Valley Rebekahs 82 will sponsor a card party 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Odd Fellows Hall in Gastonville.

Post 659 sets meeting

American Legion Post 659, Belle Vernon, will meet as followed Wednesday: club, 7 p.m.; legion, afterward.

Former Page workers to meet

The Former Page Steel and Wire employees will conduct a luncheon meeting noon Wednesday at Denny's restaurant, Rostraver Township.

Washington Township supervisors to meet

The Washington Township Board of Supervisors will meet 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Community Center, 1392 Fayette Ave., Belle Vernon.

Grocery bingo set at St. Paul

A grocery bingo and Chinese auction will be take place 7 p.m. Wednesday at St. Paul Anglican Church, 130 W. Main St., Monongahela. Refreshments will be available.

Caregiver Support Group sets meeting

The Westmoreland County Area Agency on Aging Caregiver Support Group will meet 1 p.m. Wednesday at the conference room, Troutman's Center, 200 S. Main St., Greensburg. Douglas Orange, of Briarcliff, will speak. For reservations, call Toni McGovern at (724) 830-4489.

Southwestern chiefs, assistants to meet

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs Association will sponsor a Courage to be Safe program, presented by Chief Nick Sohyda, of the Mt. Lebanon Fire Department, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Point Marion Volunteer Fire Company. For information, call James Bungard at (724) 322-4760 or Harold Whyle at (724) 323-6546.

Westmoreland Columbus 500 banquet set

Westmoreland Columbus 500 will conduct its annual scholarship banquet 1:30 p.m. Oct. 17 at Lakeview Lounge, Hempfield Township.

Proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund.

Four Italian-Americans will be honored:

Government - Tom Balya, Westmoreland County commissioner, Greensburg; Business - Donald Ruscitti, businessman, Belle Vernon; Business - Mark Gera, Gibson Thomas Engineers, Latrobe; Business - Art Trunzo, Westmoreland Columbus 500 Festa Italia entertainment chair.

The organization also will recognize its scholarship winners, including the following area residents:

Erica Billick, Monessen High School graduate, will receive the Josephine Triglio Fronzaglio $2,000 scholarship. She is a physician's assistant major at Seton Hill University.

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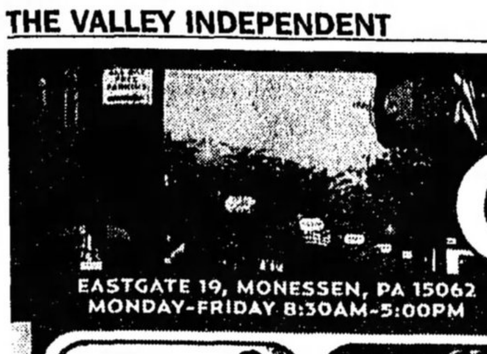

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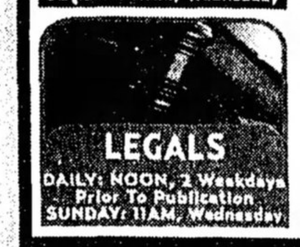

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Semancik, Joseph A.
ESTATE NOTICE

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Co-Executor
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Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Frances Ann Koschalk,
Co-Executor
318 Concord Lane
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James W. Morgan,
Executor
PO Box 277
Roscoe, PA 15477

Frank C. Kocevar,
Esquire
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Monongahela, PA 15063
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2020/BID NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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2030/MEETING NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a reorganization meeting of the Donora Sportsmen Association, Inc. will take place on October 26, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. at the law offices of Amatangelo & Baisley, 100 Fourth Street, Donora, PA 15033. Any person who is a member in good standing is requested to attend. The purpose of said meeting is to update and identify existing membership and to elect officers for said organization.

Raymond P. Amatangelo, Esq.
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LIBRA
September 23 through October 23

You usually like nothing better than to be involved in a partnership arrangement, but in the year ahead, you might want to go it alone when it comes to a pet project. Don't hesitate to take a stance on doing just that.

LIBRA **(Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** -- One of your best characteristics is open-mindedness, a willingness to look at the opposite side of an issue. Don't let another's point of view deter you, however, from making up your own mind.
SCORPIO **(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** -- Under most conditions, you're a self-willed person. But you may be enticed into doing what another wants instead of following your dictates, considerably enhancing the possibility for failure.
SAGITTARIUS **(Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** -- Just because your peers are behaving in a certain manner, that doesn't mean you must follow suit. Act only in accord with your highest standards.
CAPRICORN **(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** -- If there is something you want to do that you need to keep to yourself, maintain a low profile. Anything less, and your action will be noticed.
AQUARIUS **(Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** -- When challenging someone to a debate, you had better have all the facts at your fingertips. Your opponent is likely to make an excellent case against you.
PISCES **(Feb. 20-March 20)** -- A rival will try to get away with hoodwinking you if he or she can. The moment you feel you are being denied something that is rightfully yours, stand up for justice.
ARIES **(March 21-April 19)** -- Be careful about making an iffy promise, especially whether you can keep it or not. If you back out, the person you pledged to help could be extremely hurt and disappointed.
TAURUS **(April 20-May 20)** -- Unless you have your head on straight at all times, there's a good chance you will create a number of problems for yourself. Life is tough enough without making it worse.
GEMINI **(May 21-June 20)** -- Being your own person is fine and dandy, as long as you aren't slighting someone in the process. Don't be too standoffish or self-involved, especially if people are depending on you.
CANCER **(June 21-July 22)** -- What your family is all about is defined by you and your attitude, and not necessarily by what they're really like. Don't judge them by emotions or hurt feelings, which may not be their fault.
LEO **(July 23-Aug. 22)** -- Don't be so self-involved that you fail to hear or see any merit in what others have to say. You could be your worst enemy and miss something important.
VIRGO **(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** -- You're usually a good bargain hunter, but a smooth-talking salesperson could entice you into making a bad deal. Be sure there is steak under all that sizzle.

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